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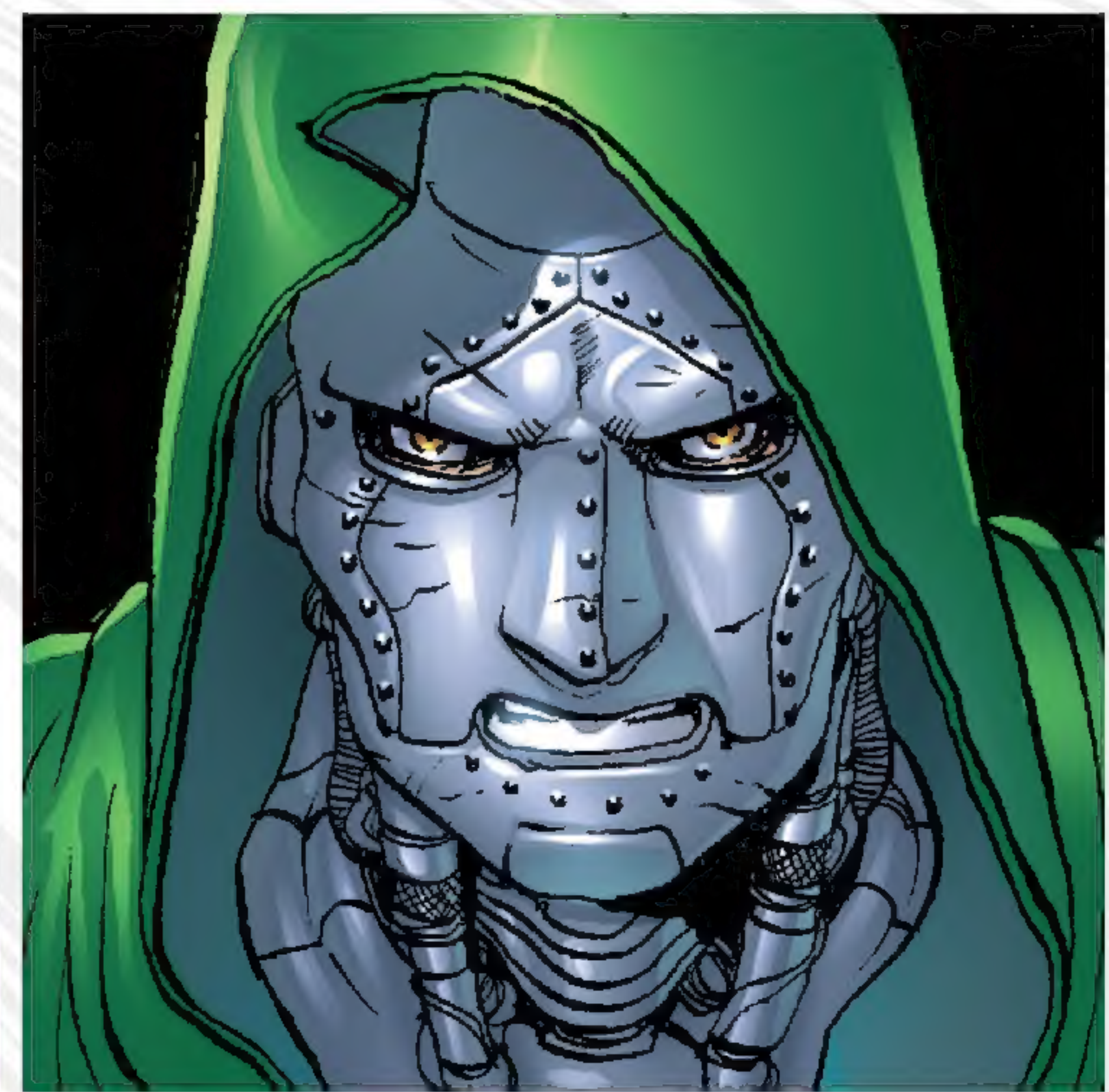
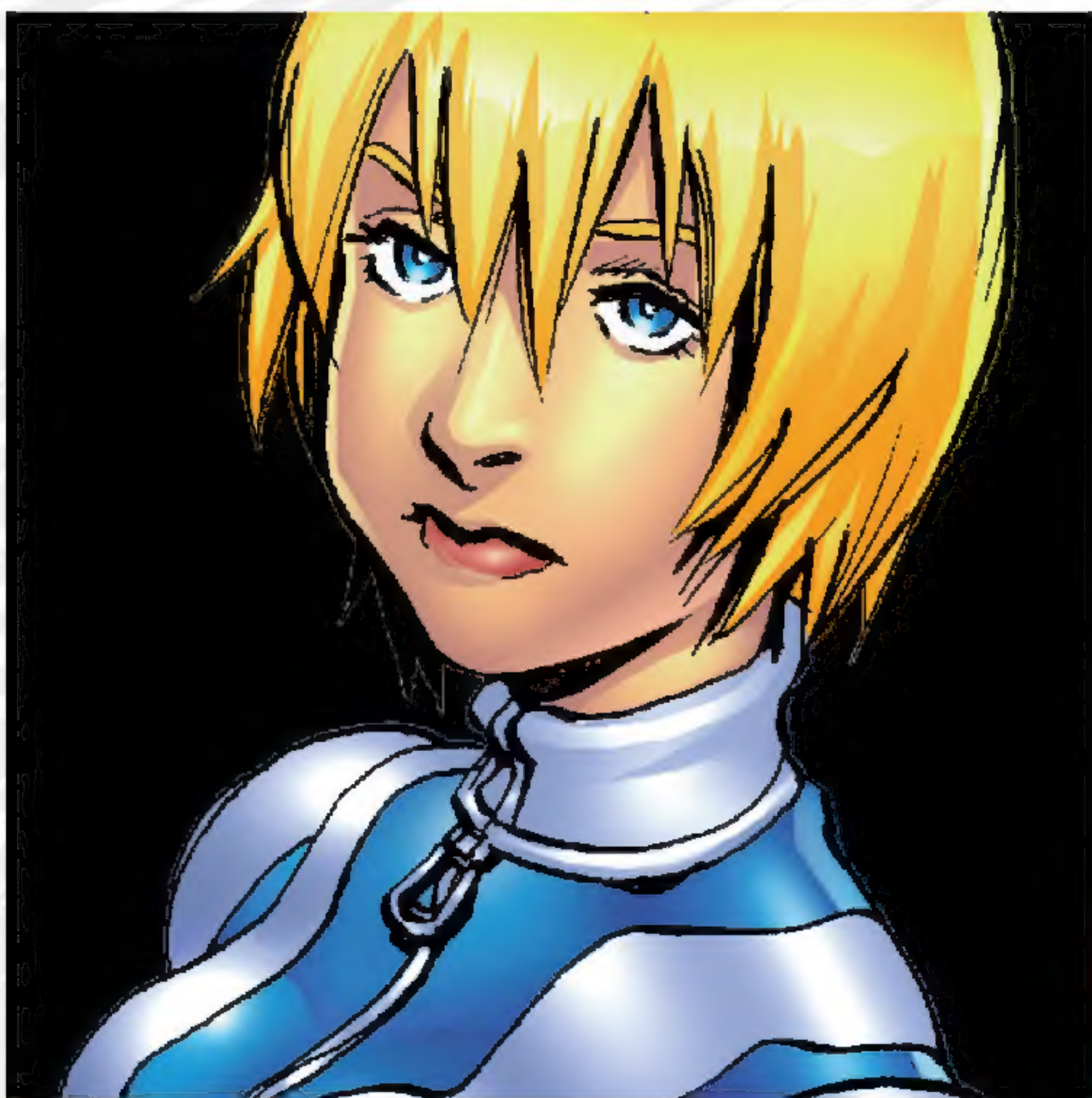
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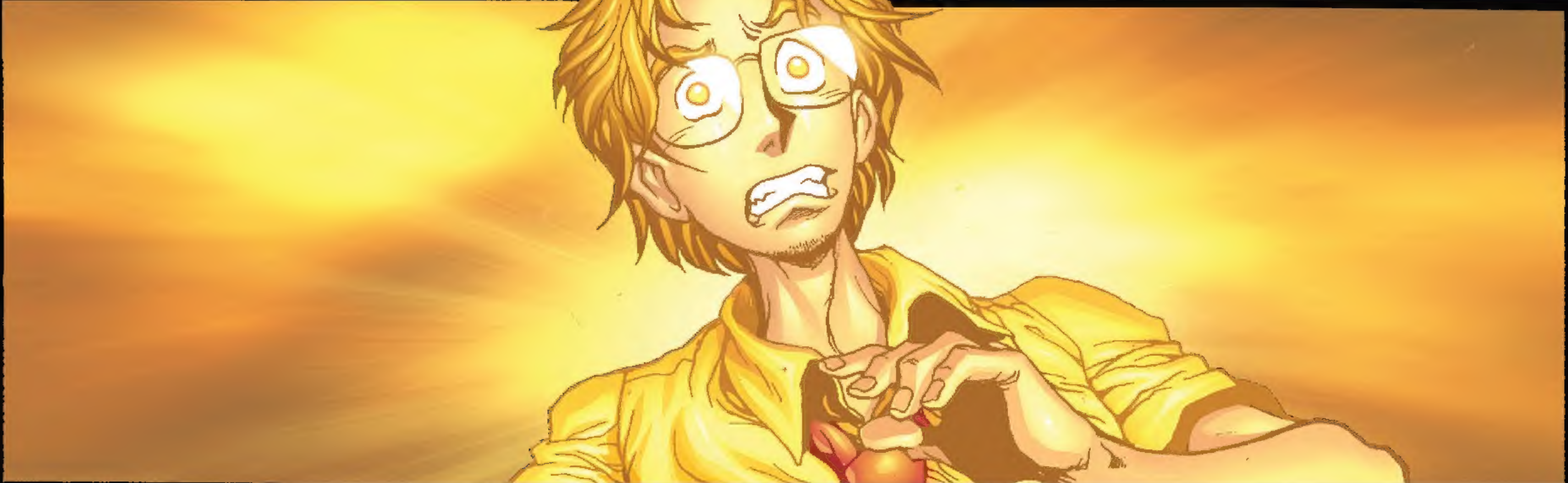
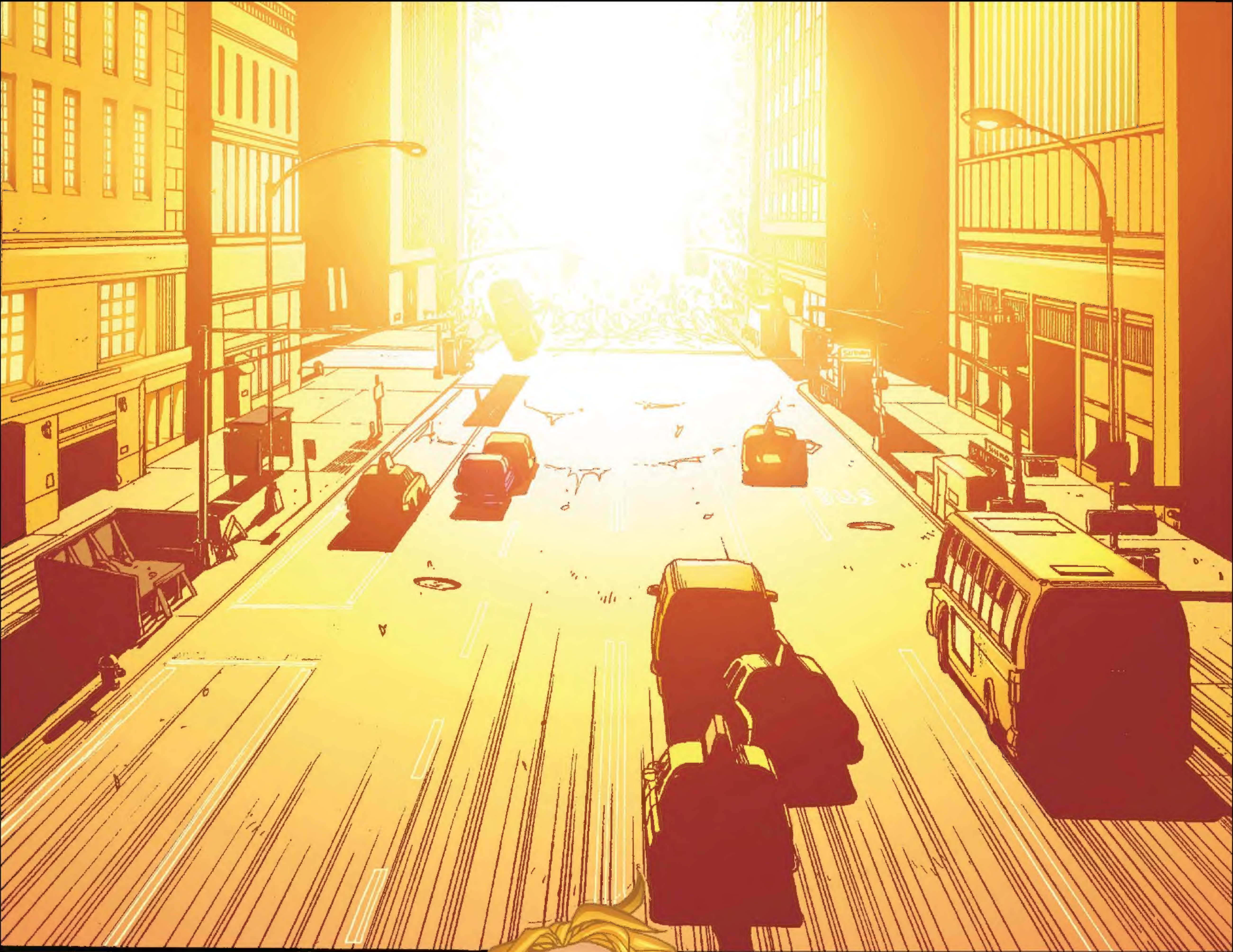
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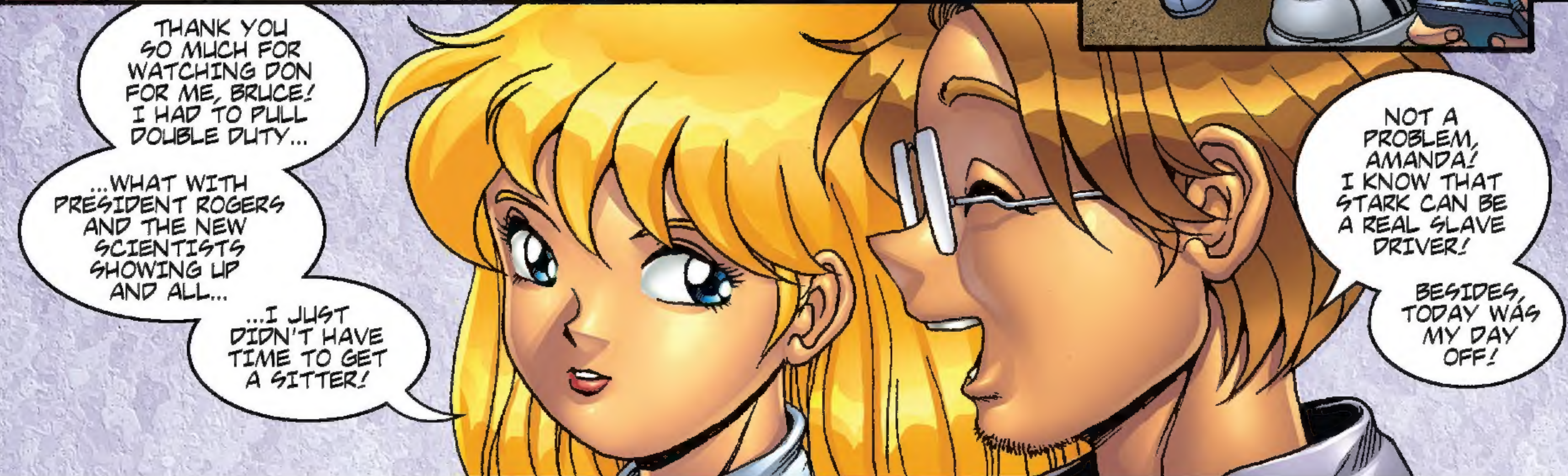
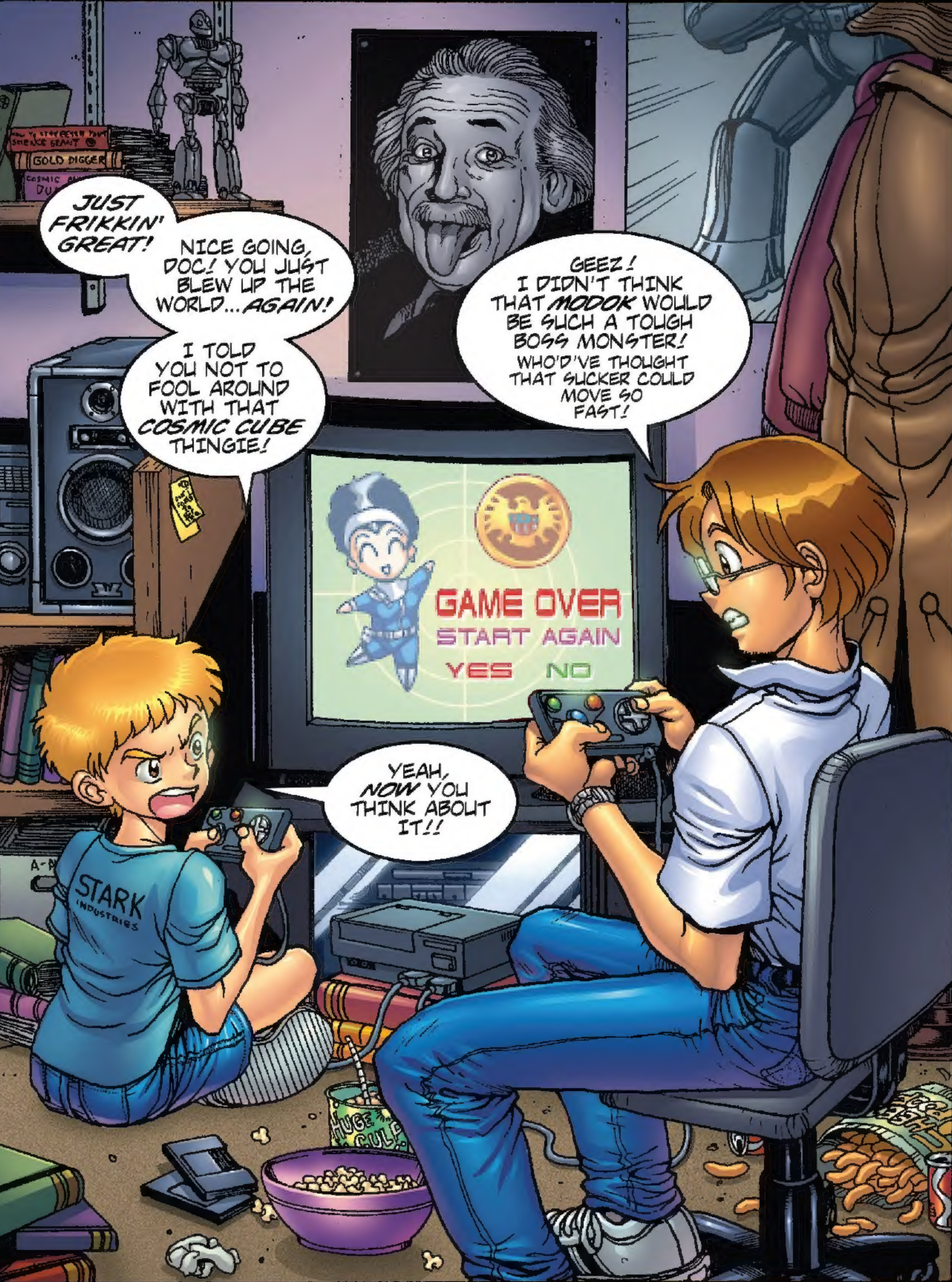
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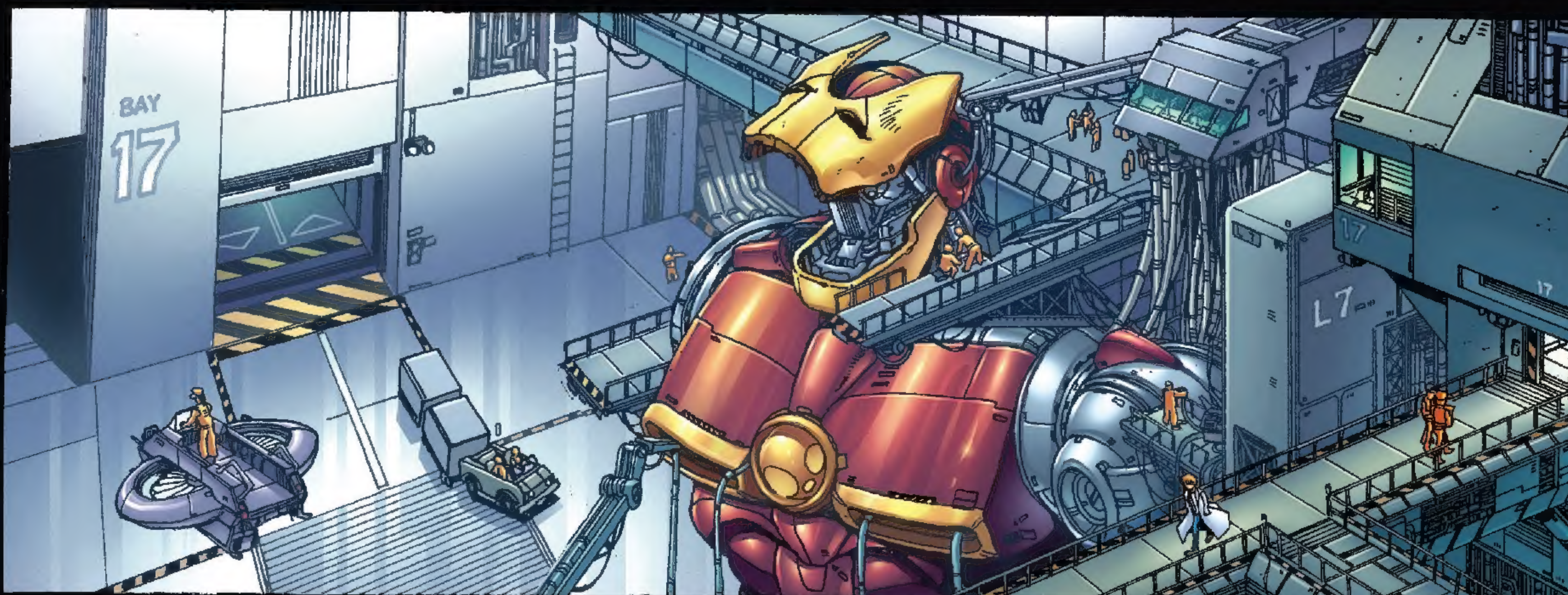
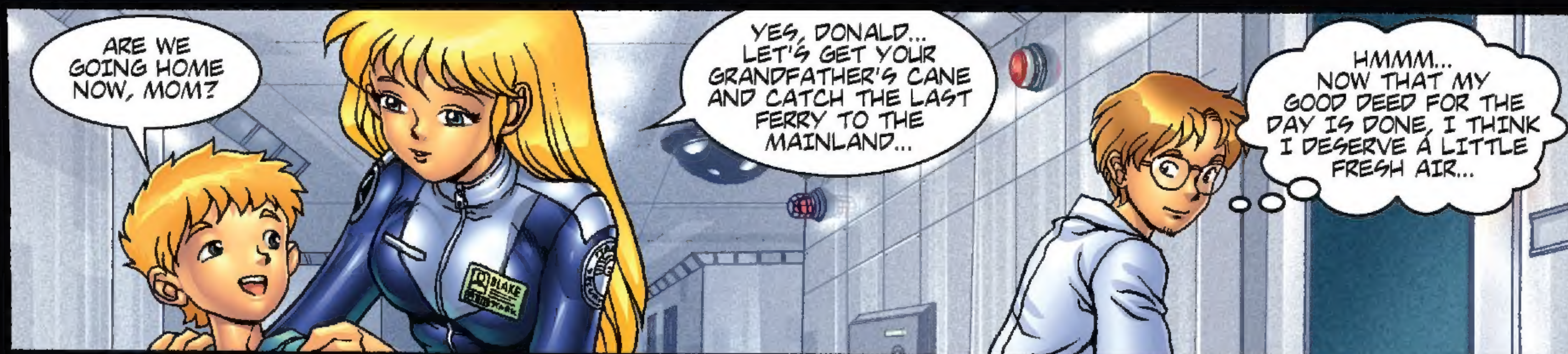
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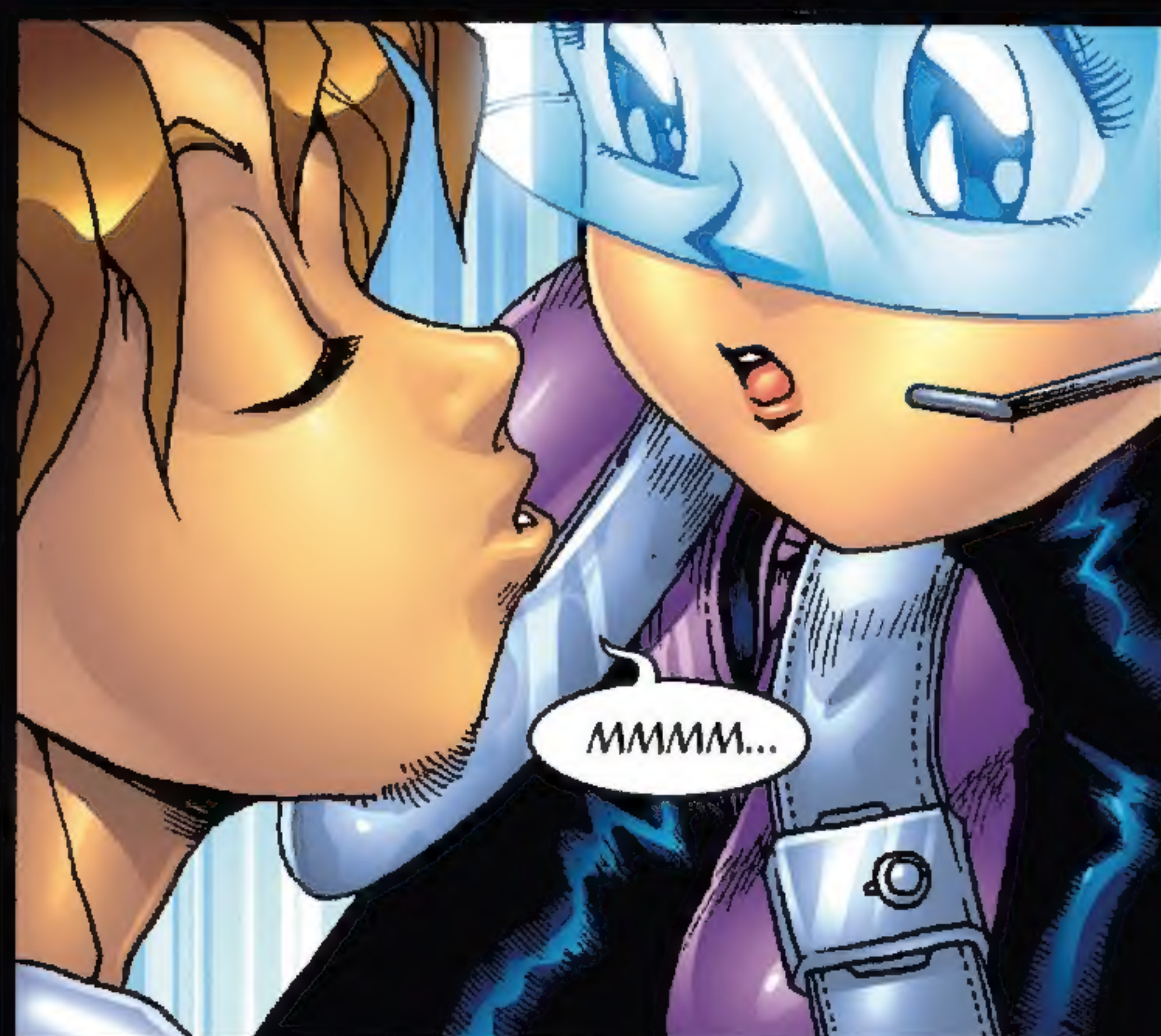
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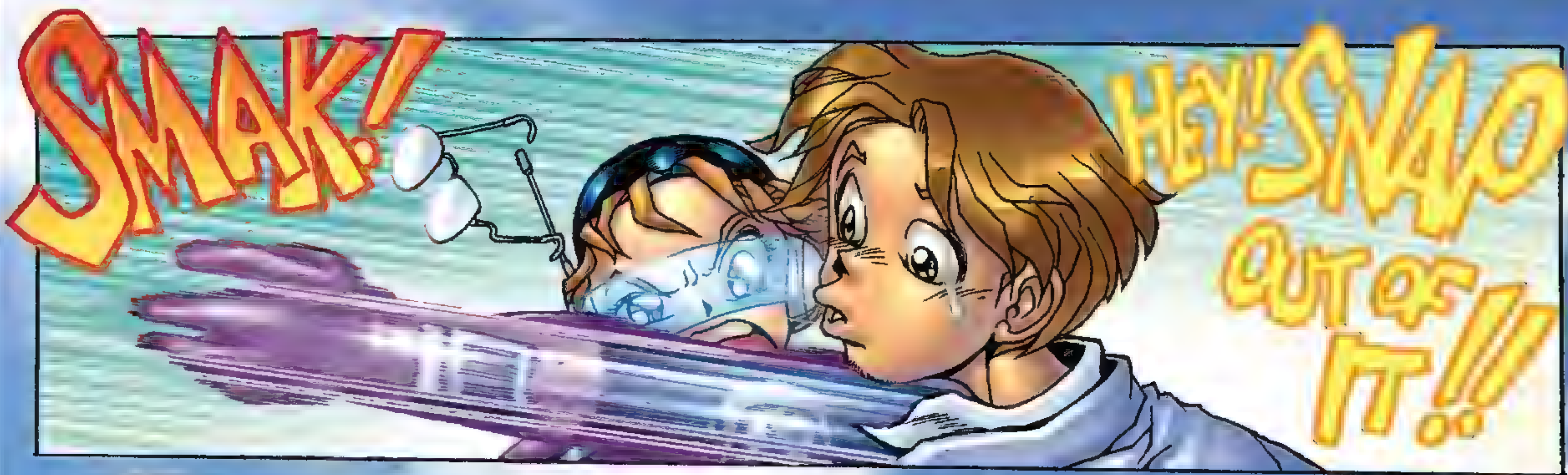








WHAM!



JUST BECAUSE I FLEW INTO YOU DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME!

HEH... SORRY, JANET, FOR SOME REASON I JUST COULDN'T HELP MYSELF....

REALLY, BRUCE... I'M NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL!

I SEE THAT YOU FINALLY GOT YOUR EXPERIMENTAL PLASMA WINGS WORKING...



HMMM, YES... THERE'S STILL THE MATTER OF CONTROL...

STARK ISN'T EXACTLY GENEROUS ON THE FUNDS FOR "PROJECT: W.A.S.P."!

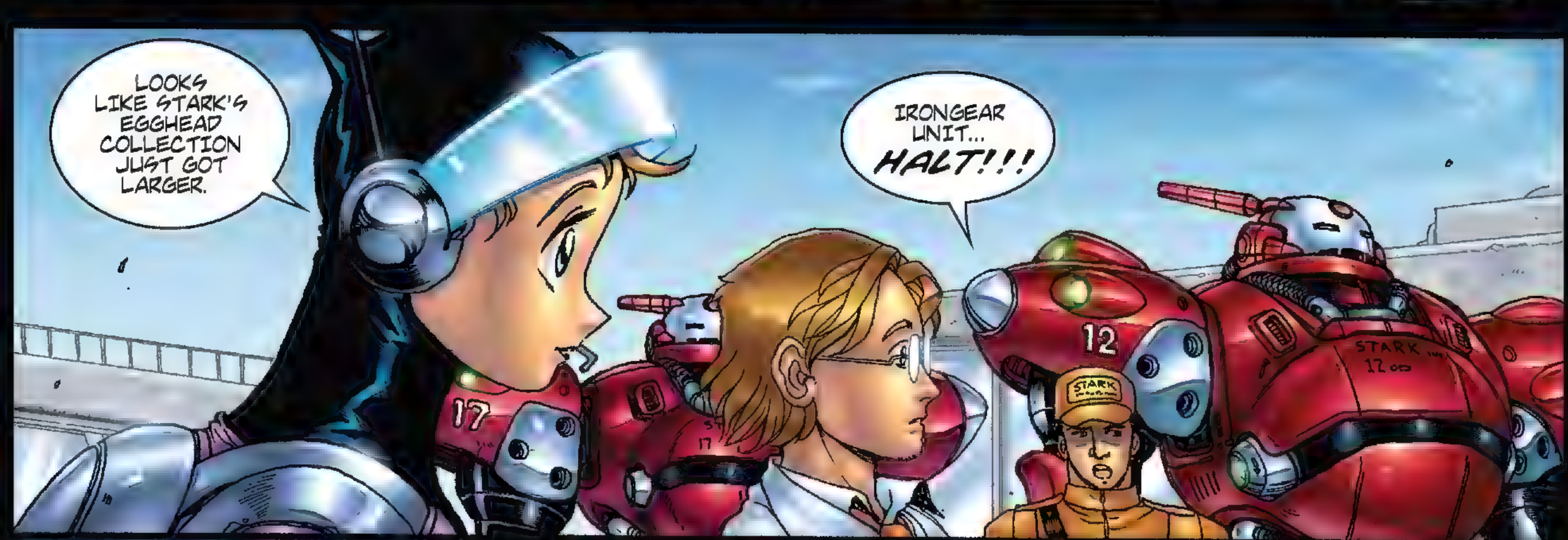


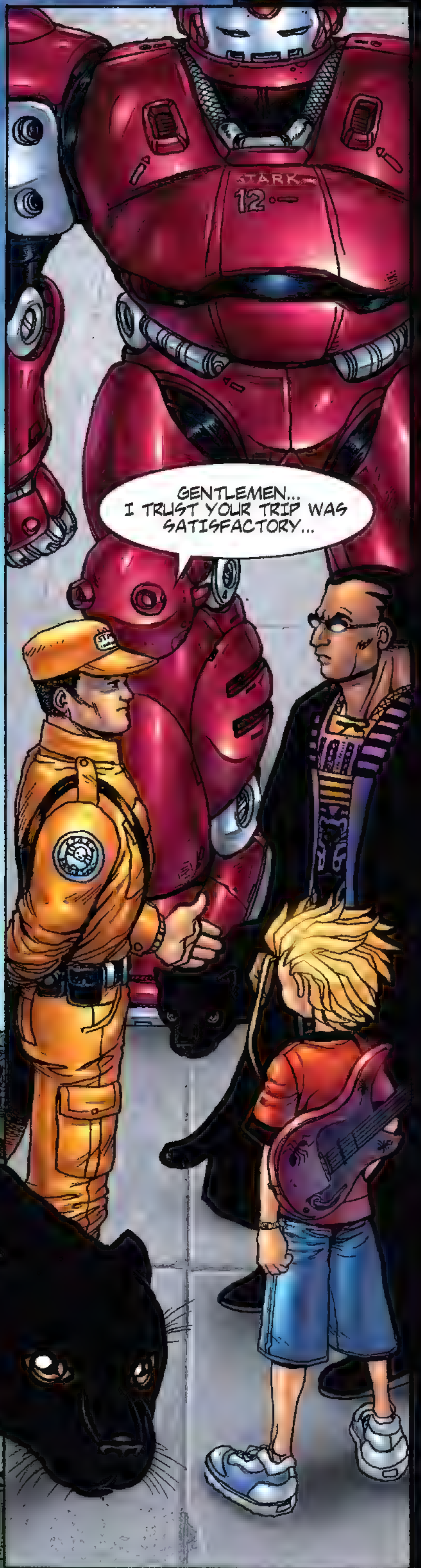
GETTING THE NANONITES TO MAINTAIN THE EXACT ENERGY FLOW IS THE REAL PAIN! IF I CAN JUST GET THE RIGHT MODULATION...

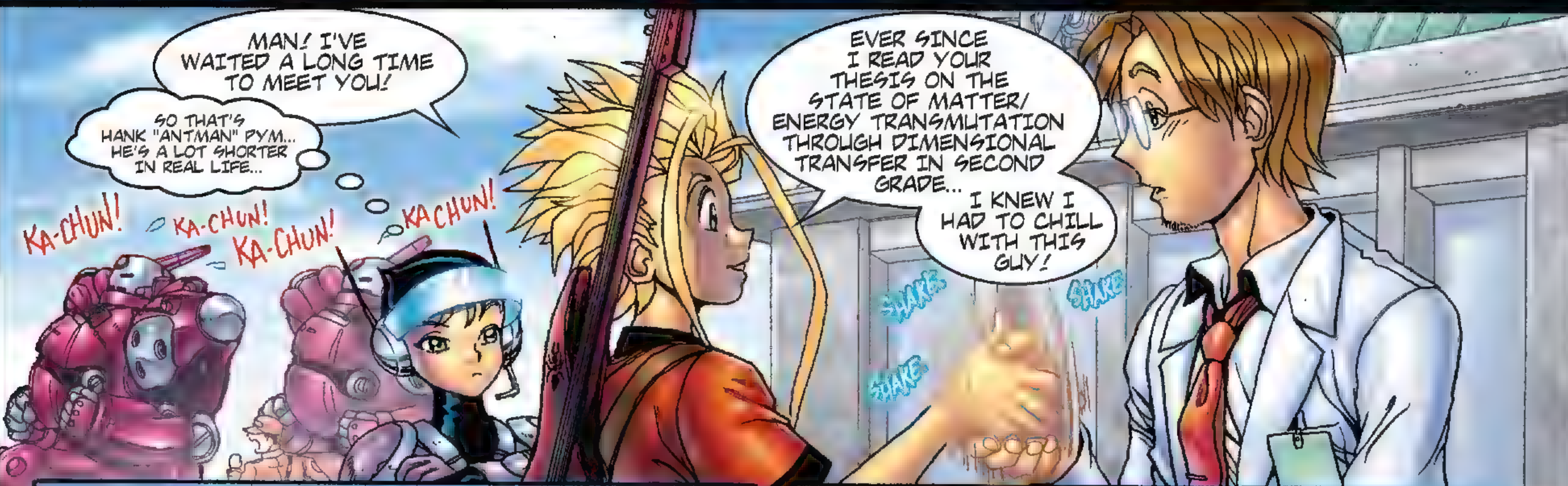
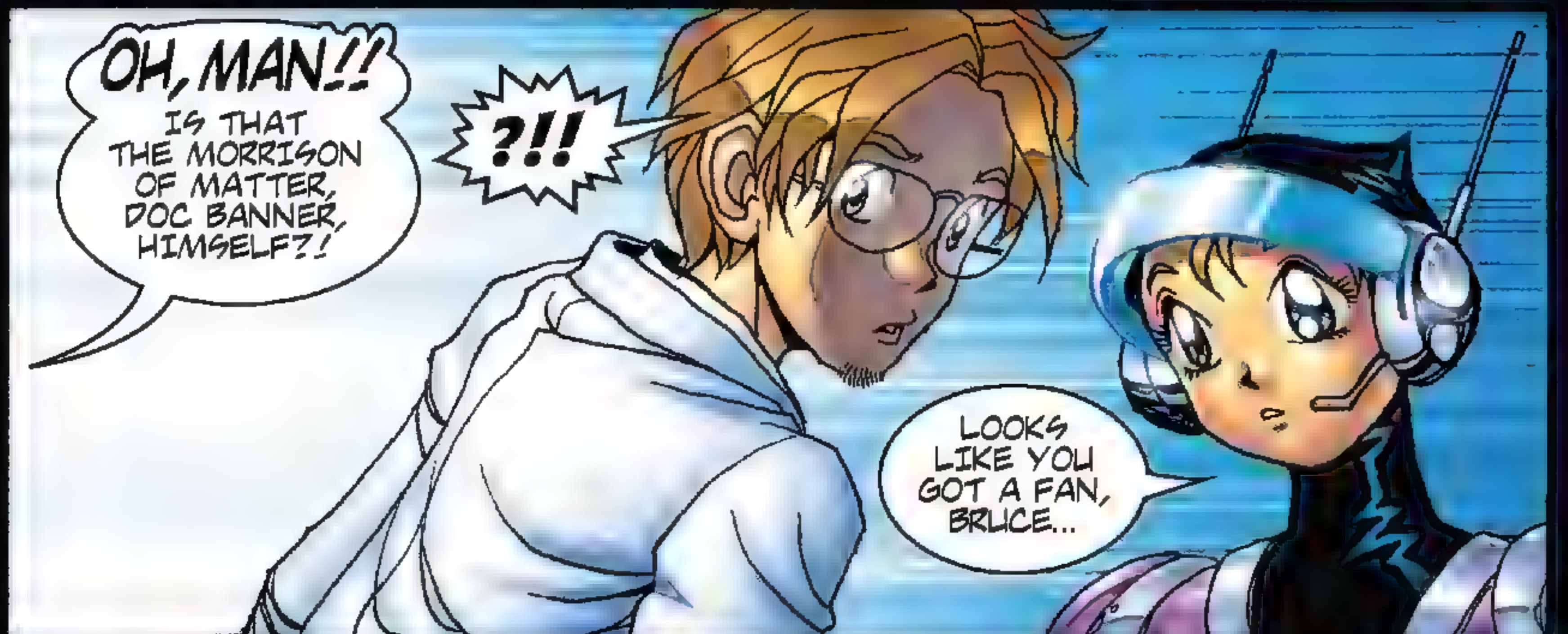
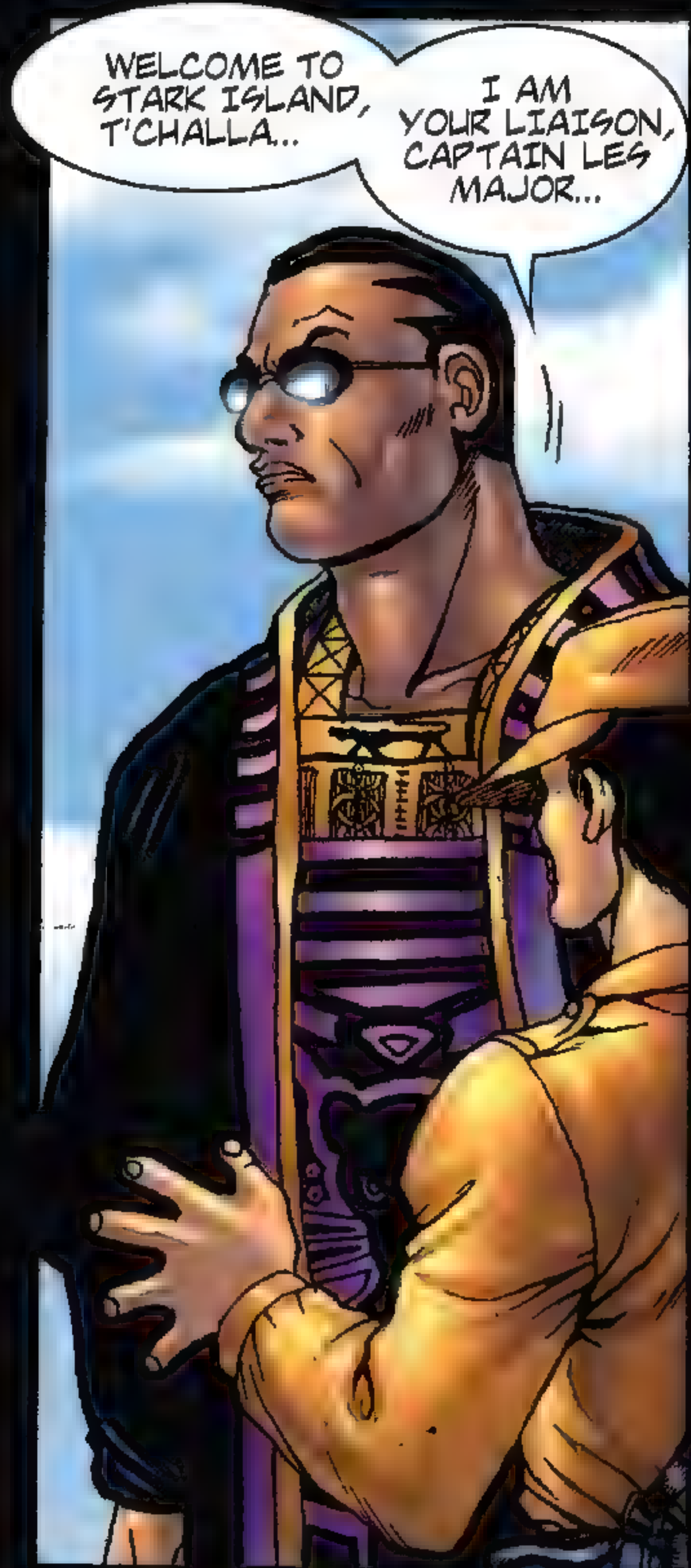
...I KNOW I CAN MAKE IT WORK! I AM SO CLOSE!

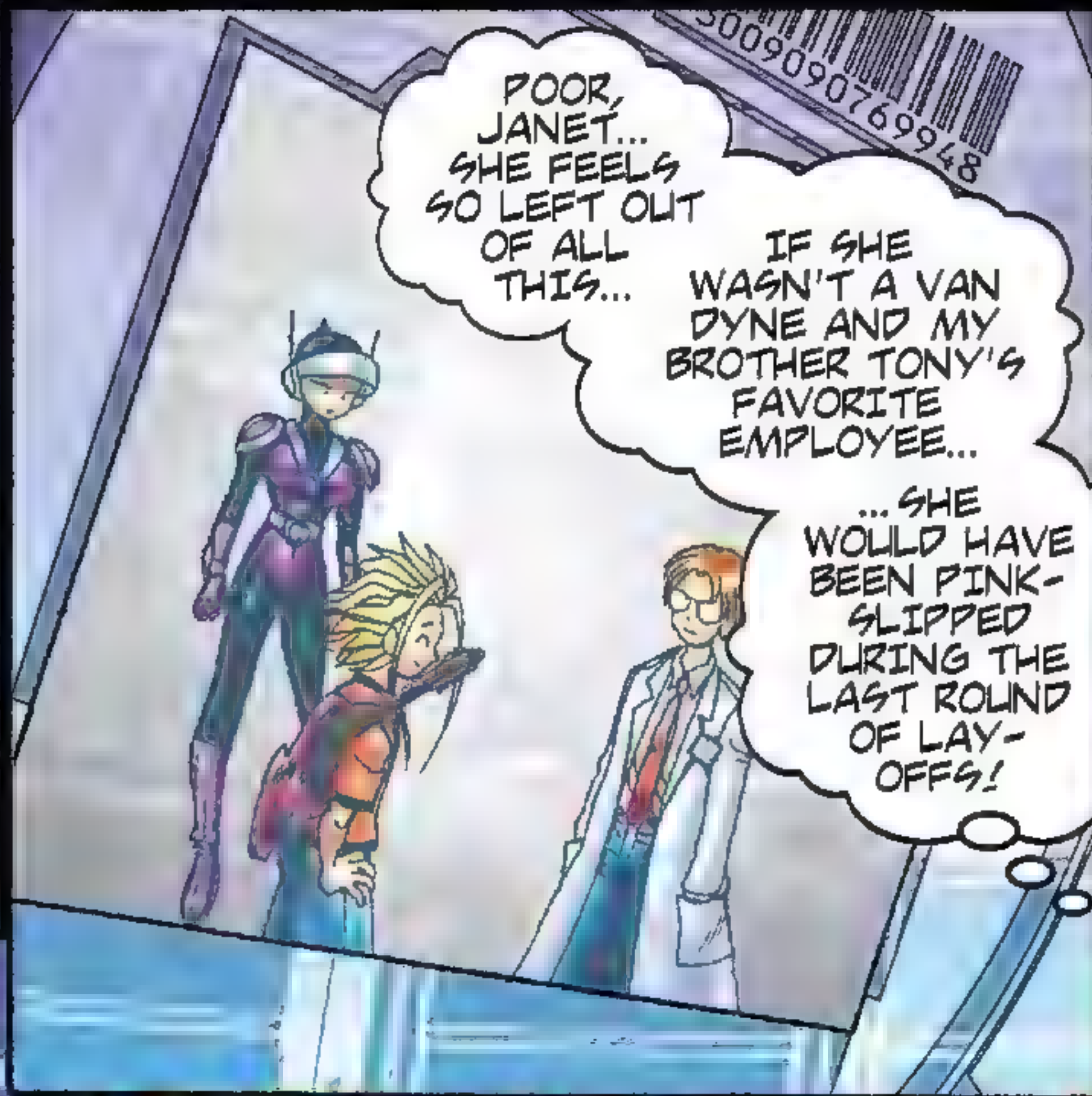
*W.A.S.P.-WINGED AMPLIFICATION SURGE PLASMA







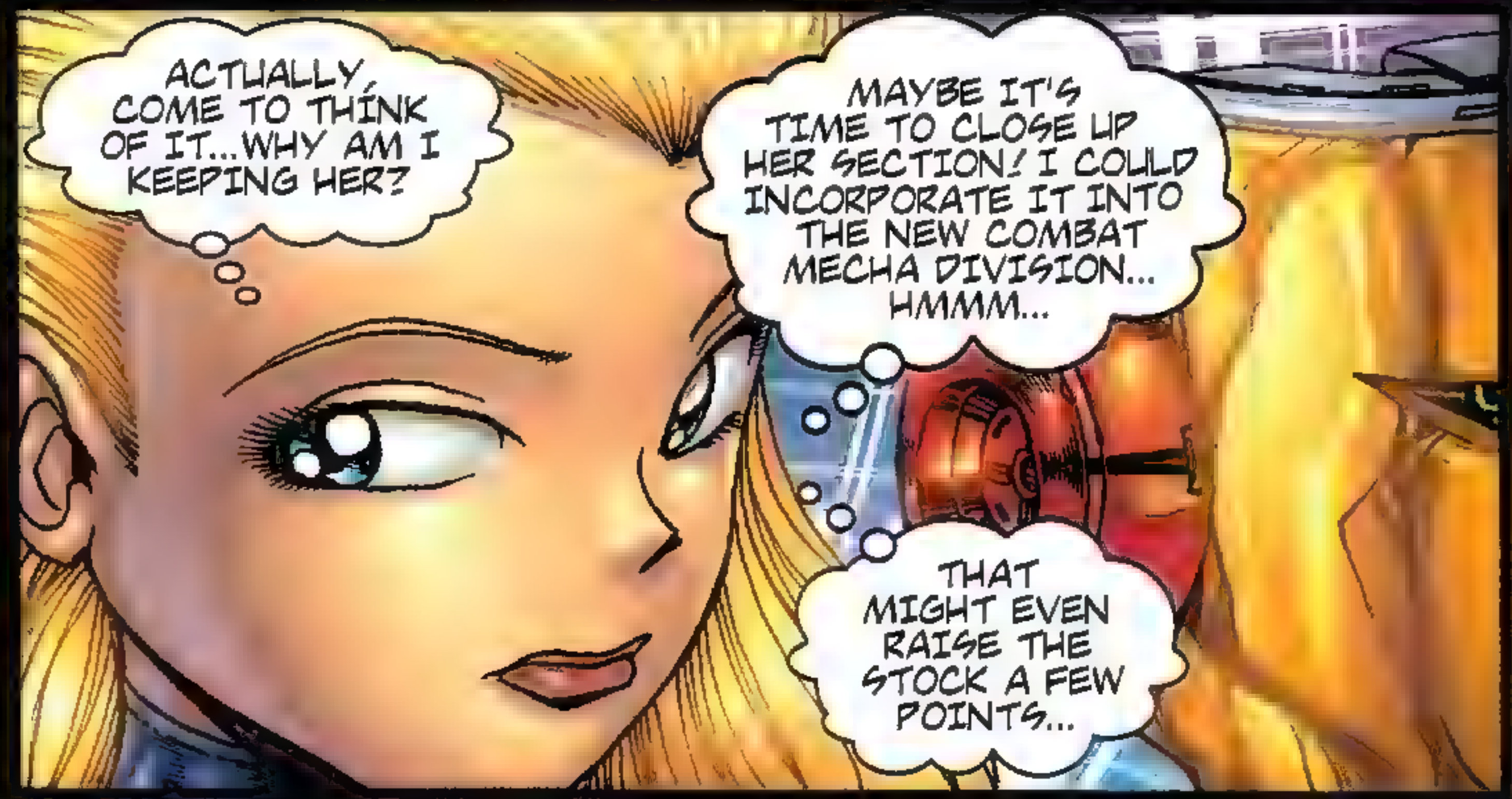




POOR JANET... SHE FEELS SO LEFT OUT OF ALL THIS...

IF SHE WASN'T A VAN DYNE AND MY BROTHER TONY'S FAVORITE EMPLOYEE...

...SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN PINK-SLIPPED DURING THE LAST ROUND OF LAY-OFFS!



ACTUALLY, COME TO THINK OF IT... WHY AM I KEEPING HER?

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO CLOSE UP HER SECTION! I COULD INCORPORATE IT INTO THE NEW COMBAT MECHA DIVISION... HMMM...

THAT MIGHT EVEN RAISE THE STOCK A FEW POINTS...

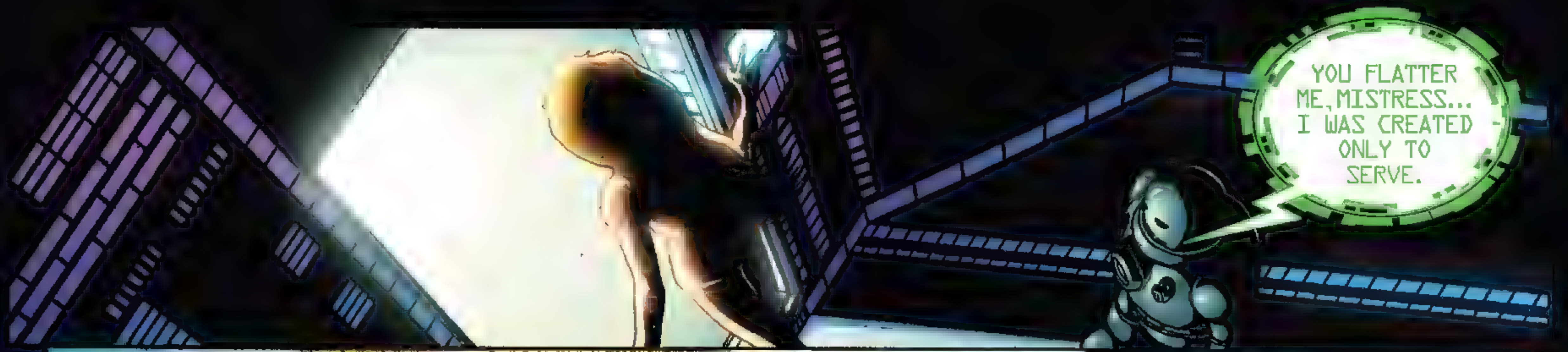


MISTRESS STARK... HOW DID YOUR ESCORT DUTY GO?

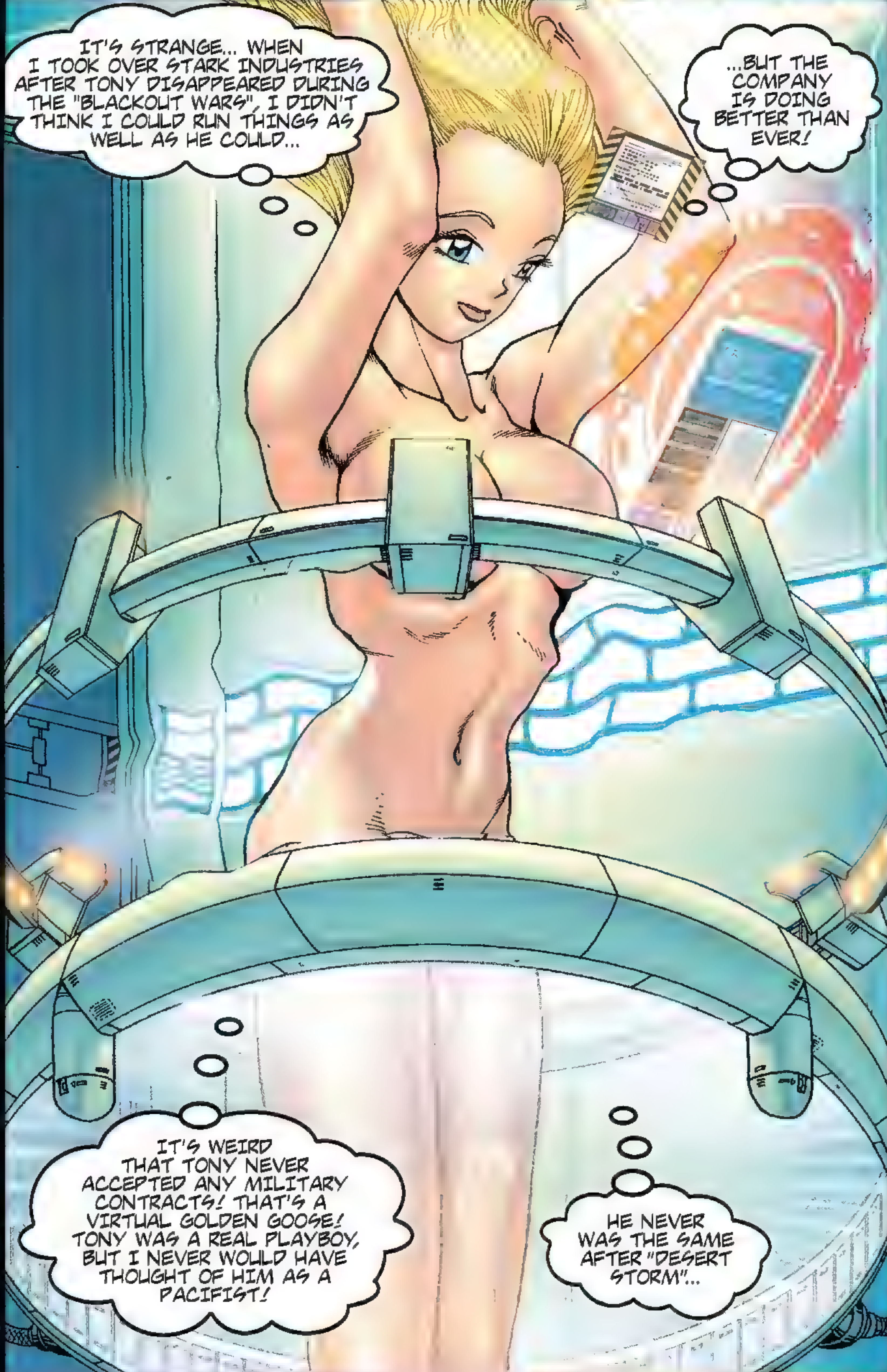
FINE, ALFIE! PREPARE THE INSTA-SHOWER AND HAVE MY RED VERA WANG ENSEMBLE FOR THE MEETING TODAY!

VERY WELL, MISTRESS STARK. I'VE PREPARED YOUR WHEAT GRASS CHASER FOR LUNCH.

ALFIE... WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?



YOU FLATTER ME, MISTRESS... I WAS CREATED ONLY TO SERVE.

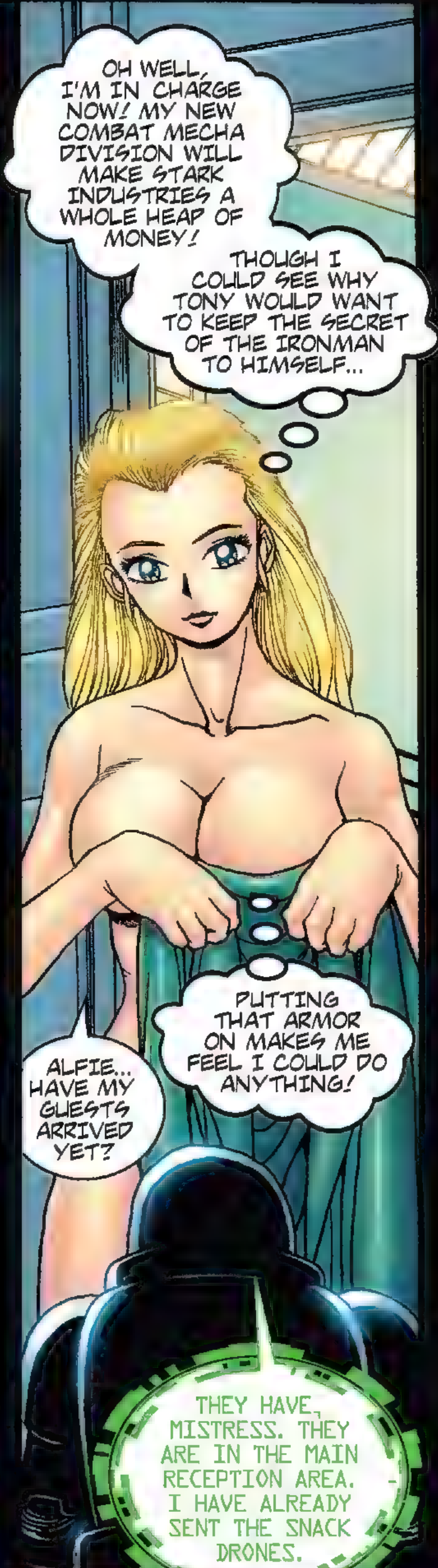


IT'S STRANGE... WHEN I TOOK OVER STARK INDUSTRIES AFTER TONY DISAPPEARED DURING THE "BLACKOUT WARS", I DIDN'T THINK I COULD RUN THINGS AS WELL AS HE COULD...

...BUT THE COMPANY IS DOING BETTER THAN EVER!

IT'S WEIRD THAT TONY NEVER ACCEPTED ANY MILITARY CONTRACTS! THAT'S A VIRTUAL GOLDEN GOOSE! TONY WAS A REAL PLAYBOY, BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF HIM AS A PACIFIST!

HE NEVER WAS THE SAME AFTER "DESERT STORM"...



OH WELL, I'M IN CHARGE NOW! MY NEW COMBAT MECHA DIVISION WILL MAKE STARK INDUSTRIES A WHOLE HEAP OF MONEY!

THOUGH I COULD SEE WHY TONY WOULD WANT TO KEEP THE SECRET OF THE IRONMAN TO HIMSELF...

ALFIE... HAVE MY GUESTS ARRIVED YET?

PUTTING THAT ARMOR ON MAKES ME FEEL I COULD DO ANYTHING!

THEY HAVE, MISTRESS. THEY ARE IN THE MAIN RECEPTION AREA. I HAVE ALREADY SENT THE SNACK DRONES.

BLAST!

WHERE IS THAT STARK!!





REALLY, NICK! WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FIVE MINUTES! THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR MANY S.H.I.E.L.D. MISSIONS WHERE YOU CHARGE IN YELLING "YAHOO"! STARK CALLED US HERE FOR A REASON AND THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS SEE WHAT SHE WANTS!

BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, MR. PRESIDENT...

NICK... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FORMAL...

SURE, SURE... STEVE... I JUST AIN'T USED TO SITTING AROUND... *ESPECIALLY* WHEN ALL SHE HAS TO DRINK 'ROUND HERE IS COUNTRY TYME AND SNAPPIE! IT'S NUTS!

AIN'T THERE A *MAN'S* DRINK AROUND HERE? I SWEAR! STARK MUST THINK THAT WE'RE STILL IN PROHIBITION! THIS ISLAND IS DRYER THAN THE SAHARA DESERT!

GENTLEMEN?

RIGHT ON TIME!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, STARK!

LIKEWISE, PRESIDENT ROGERS. I HOPE YOU GOT MY LAST CONTRIBUTION.

YES... VERY GENEROUS, BUT I THOUGHT YOU VOTED REPUBLICAN...

I CONTRIBUTE TO ALL PARTIES...

JUST IN CASE...

CAN WE CUT THE LAM-BLASTED SMALL TALK AND GET TO BUSINESS? THE BARS OPEN IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

I'M SORRY THAT THE ISLAND IS DRY, COLONEL FURY, BUT I BELIEVE THAT ALCOHOL CLOUDS THE MIND, AND ON THIS ISLAND... I NEED CLEAR MINDS!

WELL, LA-DE-FRIKKIN'-DA! YOU MUST THROW SOME GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIALS, STARK!

LET'S
GET DOWN
TO BRASS
TACKS, SHALL
WE?

FIRST, LET
ME WELCOME
YOU ALL TO
STARK
ISLAND!

"PRESIDENT
STEVE ROGERS."

"COLONEL
NICK FURY OF
S.H.I.E.L.D."*

"BARON MORDO.
AMBASSADOR OF
THE CENTRAL EURO-
ASIAN ALLIANCE."

AS YOU ALL
KNOW, THREE YEARS
AGO, DR. BRUCE BANNER
DISCOVERED A NEW
DIMENSION CALLED
"THE NEGATIVE ZONE"
THAT HELD THE
POSSIBILITY OF
MAN'S DREAM OF
CHEAP, CLEAN,
UNLIMITED
ENERGY!

HOWEVER,
IGNORED AND
SCORNFUL, DR. BANNER
WAS TRICKED BY
A TERRORIST NETWORK
CALLED HYDRA INTO
BUILDING WHAT HE
CALLED "THE ENERGY
WELL"!

LITTLE DID BANNER
KNOW THAT HIS GENIUS
WOULD BE USED TO BLACKMAIL
THE WORLD! HYDRA HAD BUILT
A SATELLITE GUN THAT COULD
BE AIMED ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD AND CAUSE MASSIVE
DESTRUCTION!

WE ALL
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED TO NEW
YORK THAT DAY,
DON'T WE?

"HOWEVER, DUE TO POOR CONSTRUCTION, THE ENERGY WELL BACKLASHED WHEN THE GUN WAS USED. THE RESULTING E.M.P.* SPREAD WORLDWIDE AND CAUSED 'THE GREAT BLACKOUT' WHERE EVERY ENERGY SYSTEM IN THE WORLD WAS LITERALLY SHUT DOWN FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS."

"THIS TRULY WAS THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL."

"THOUSANDS OF LIVES WERE LOST, BUT POWER WAS EVENTUALLY RESTORED AND S.H.I.E.L.D. ATTACKED THE HYDRA BASE HIDDEN IN CENTRAL ASIA."

* ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE.

"I WAS PART OF THE INITIAL ASSAULT AND THE FIRST TO FIND DR. BANNER. HIS EXPOSURE TO GAMMA RADIATION AND GUILT OVER CAUSING SO MANY DEATHS HAD LEFT HIM CLOSE TO INSANITY."

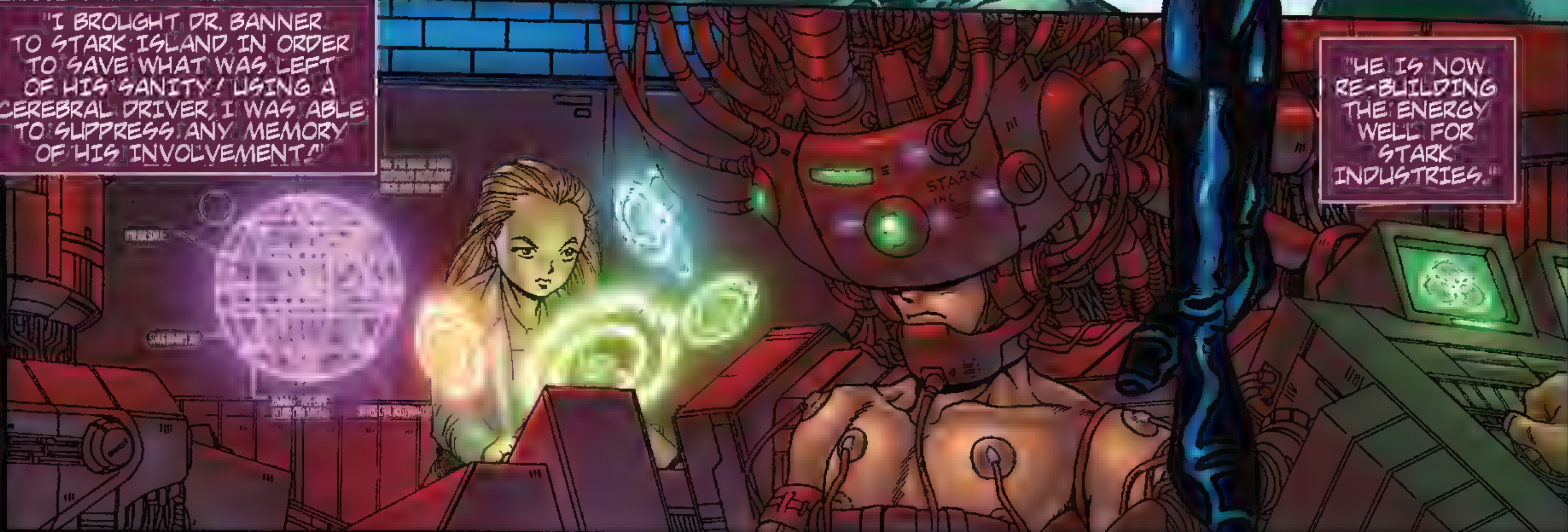
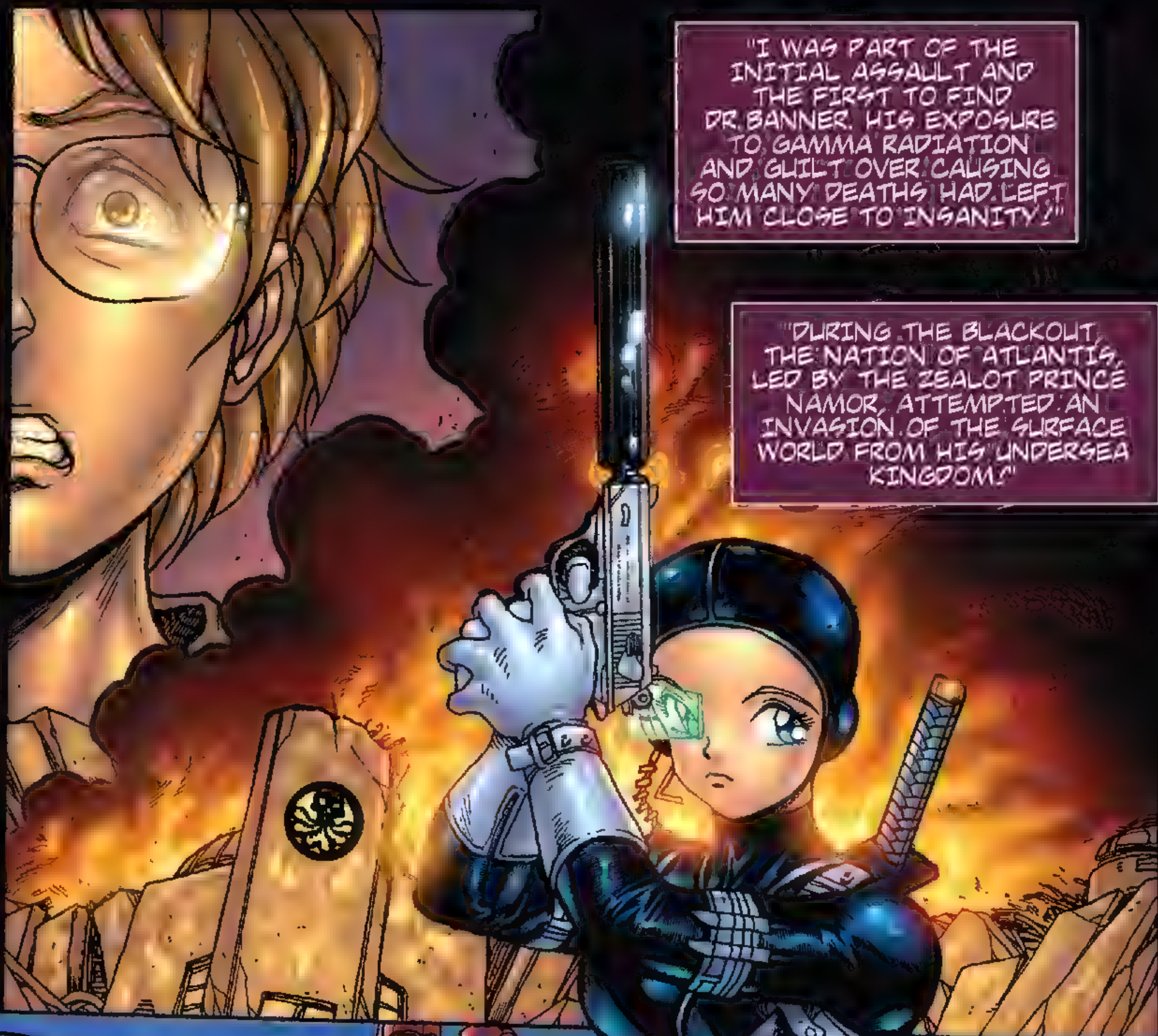
"DURING THE BLACKOUT, THE NATION OF ATLANTIS, LED BY THE ZEALOT PRINCE NAMOR, ATTEMPTED AN INVASION OF THE SURFACE WORLD FROM HIS UNDERSEA KINGDOM."

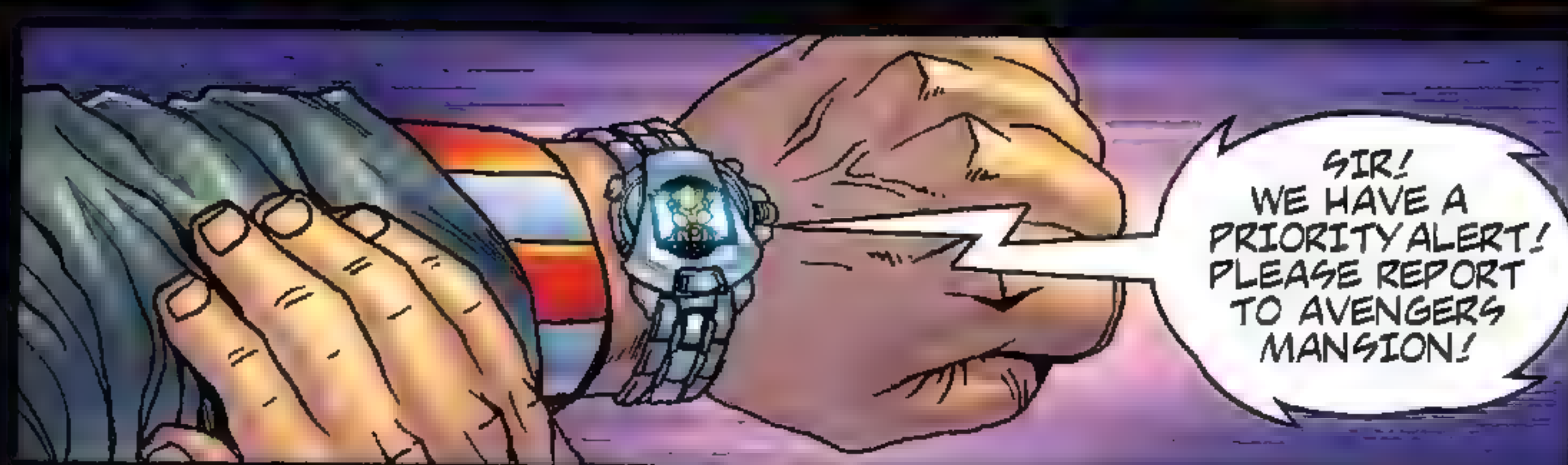
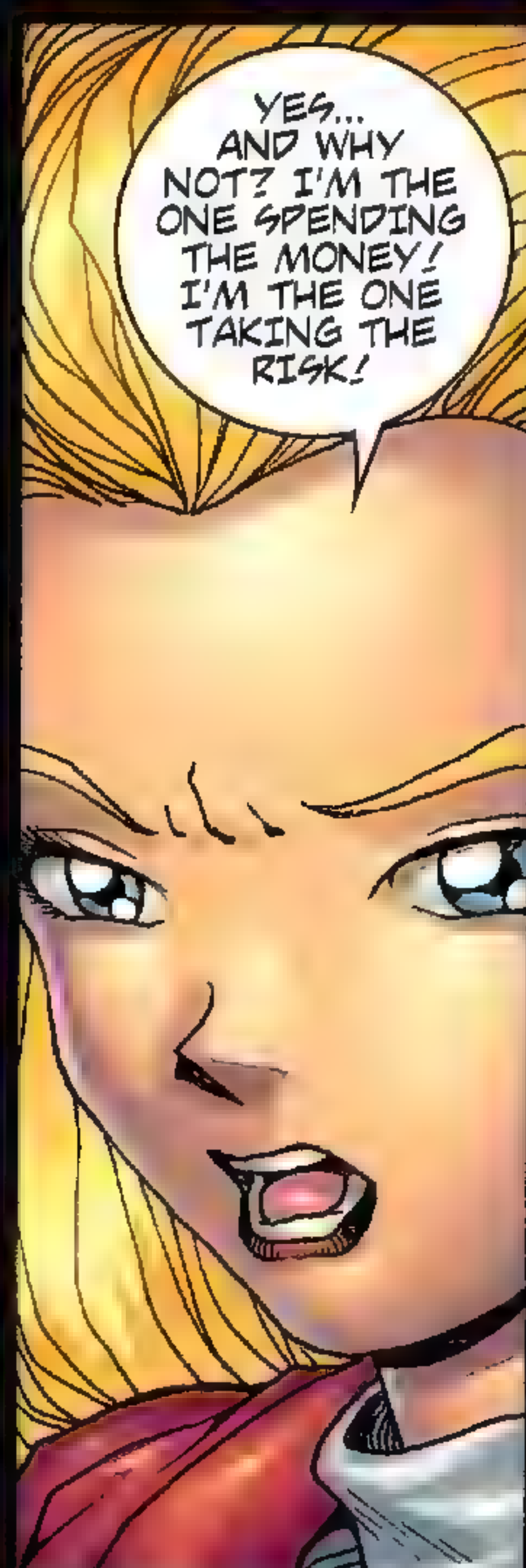
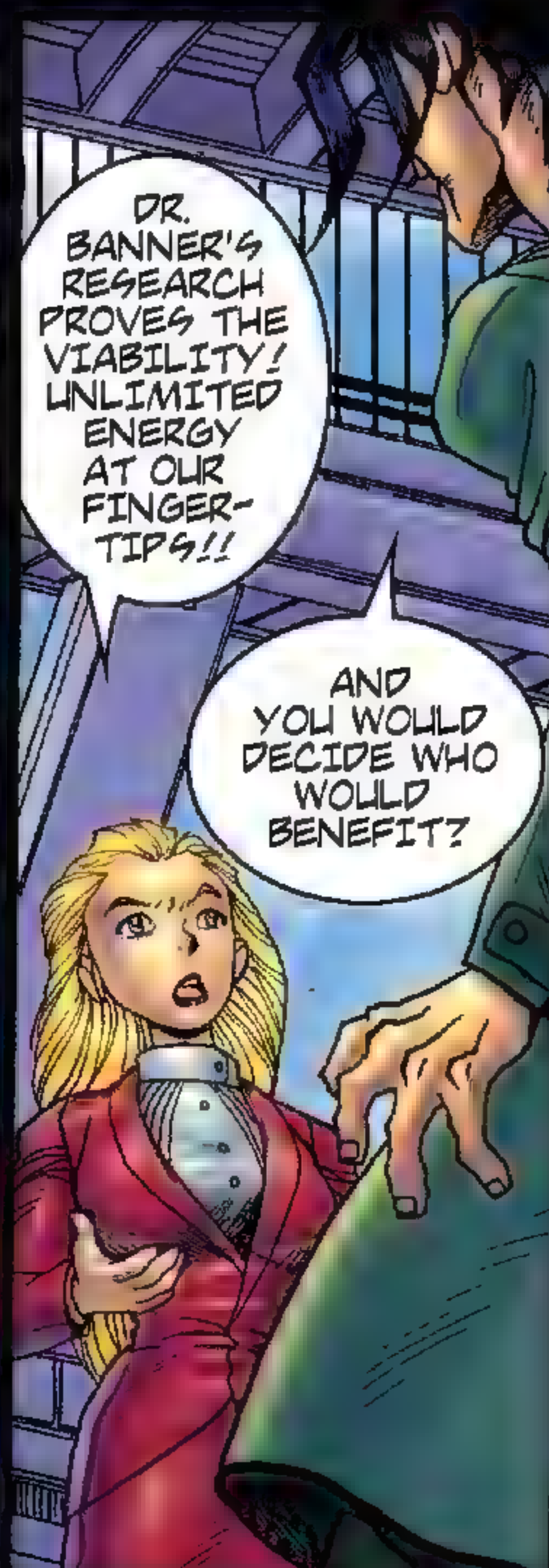
"NAMOR'S FORCES BEGAN MELTING THE POLAR ICE CAP TO FLOOD THE EARTH WITH A GIANT MACHINE POWERED BY THE ENERGY WELL. IF NOT FOR MY BROTHER TONY AS IRONMAN, HE MIGHT HAVE SUCCEEDED IN TAKING A SIZEABLE PORTION OF THE WORLD."

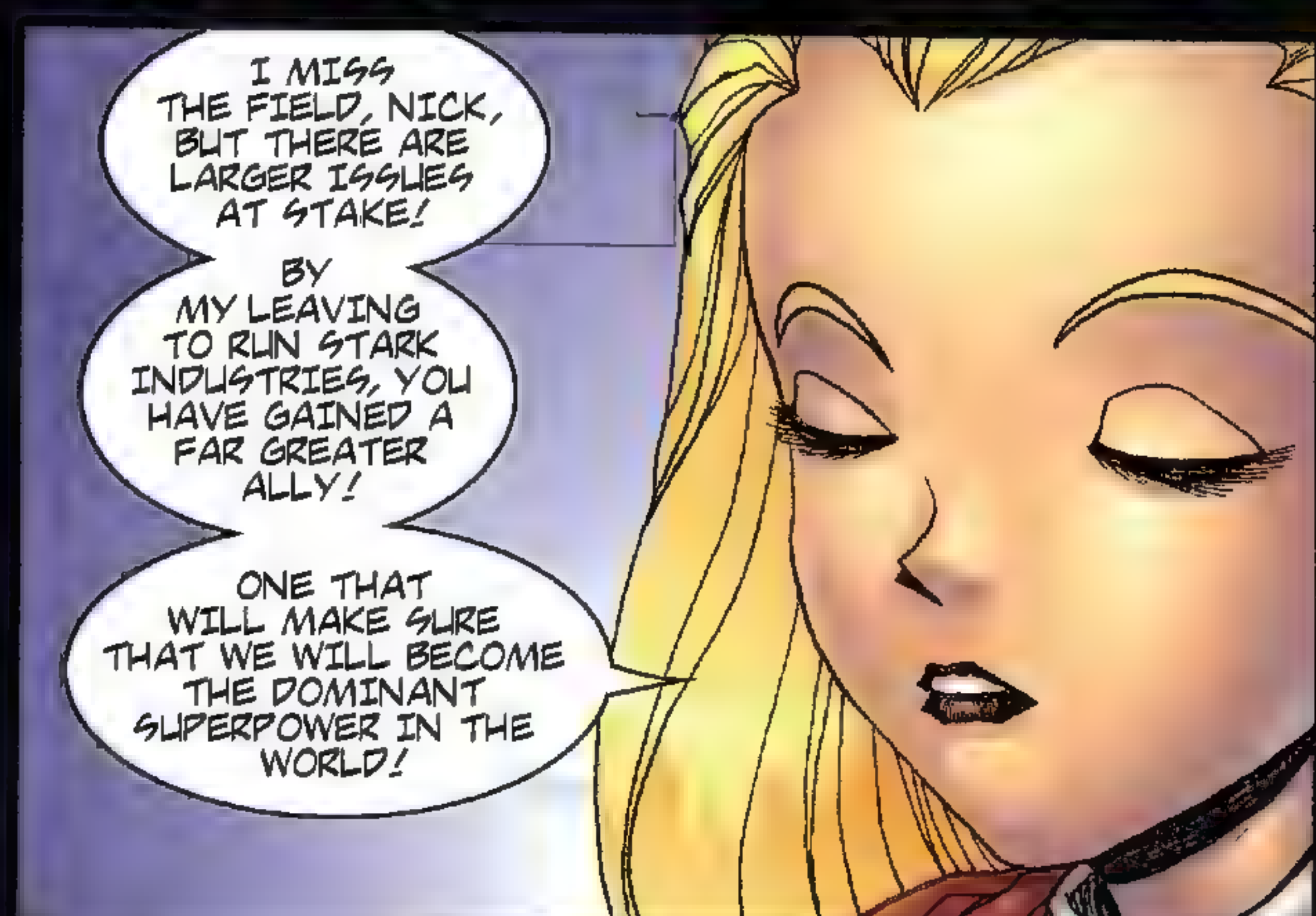
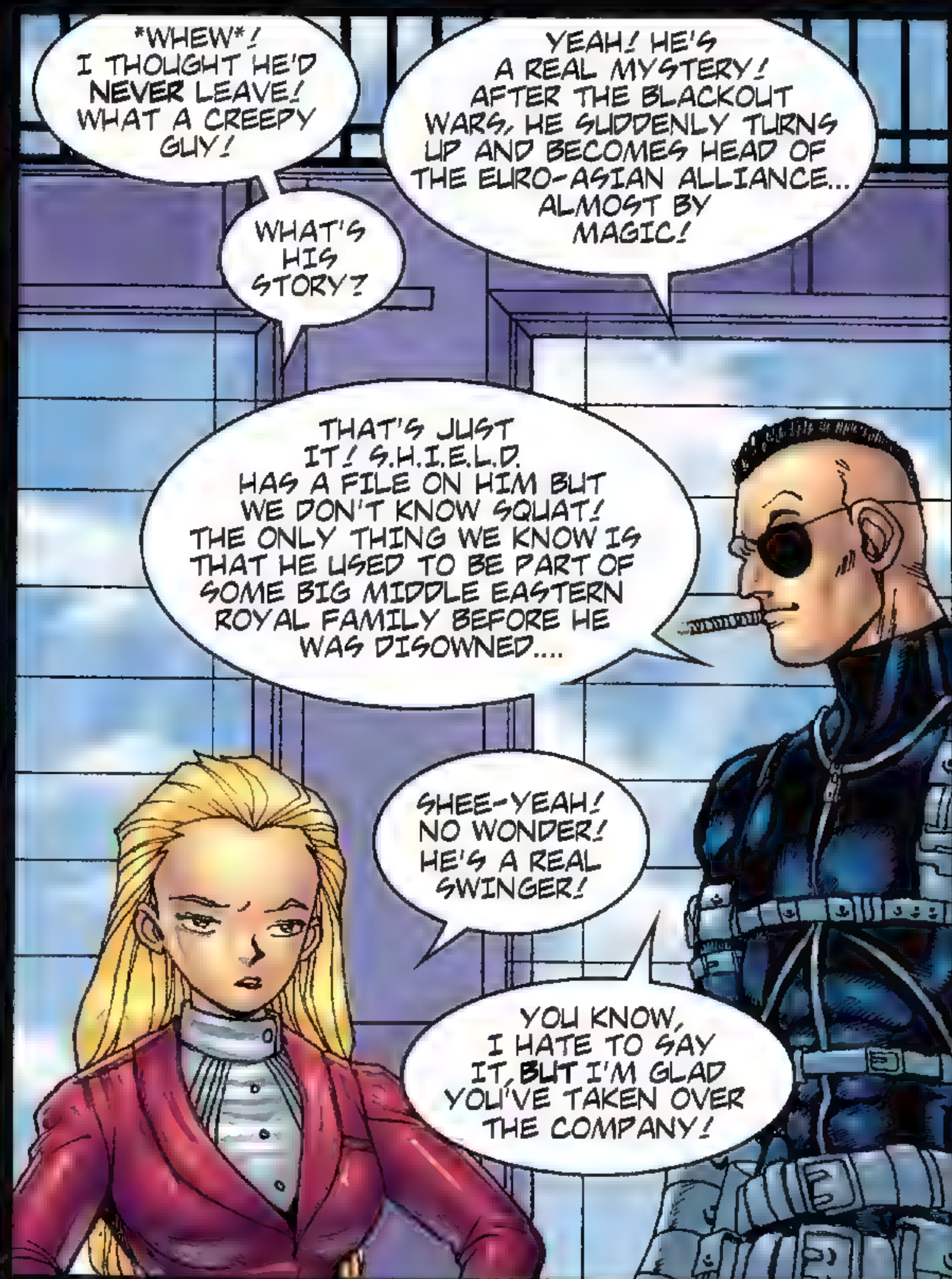
"MY BROTHER DISAPPEARED AFTER BATTLING NAMOR FOR NEW YORK."

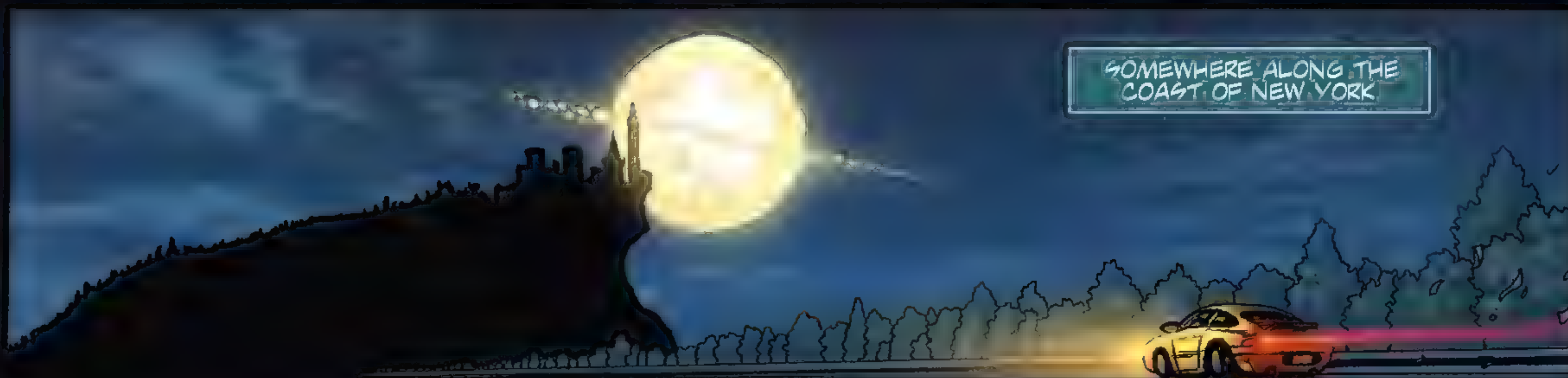
"I BROUGHT DR. BANNER TO STARK ISLAND IN ORDER TO SAVE WHAT WAS LEFT OF HIS SANITY! USING A CEREBRAL DRIVER, I WAS ABLE TO SUPPRESS ANY MEMORY OF HIS INVOLVEMENT."

"HE IS NOW RE-BUILDING THE ENERGY WELL FOR STARK INDUSTRIES."

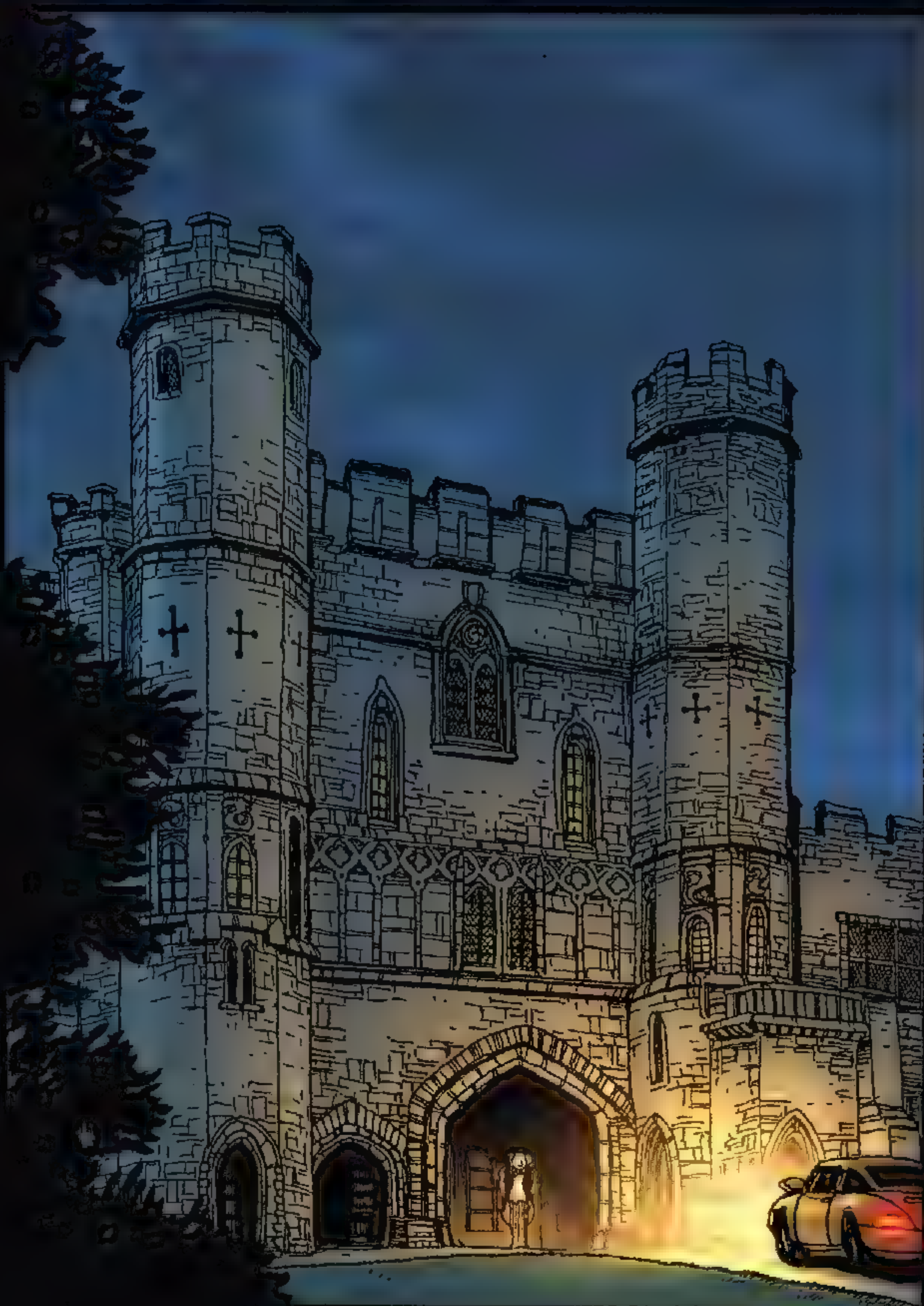








SOMEWHERE ALONG THE
COAST OF NEW YORK



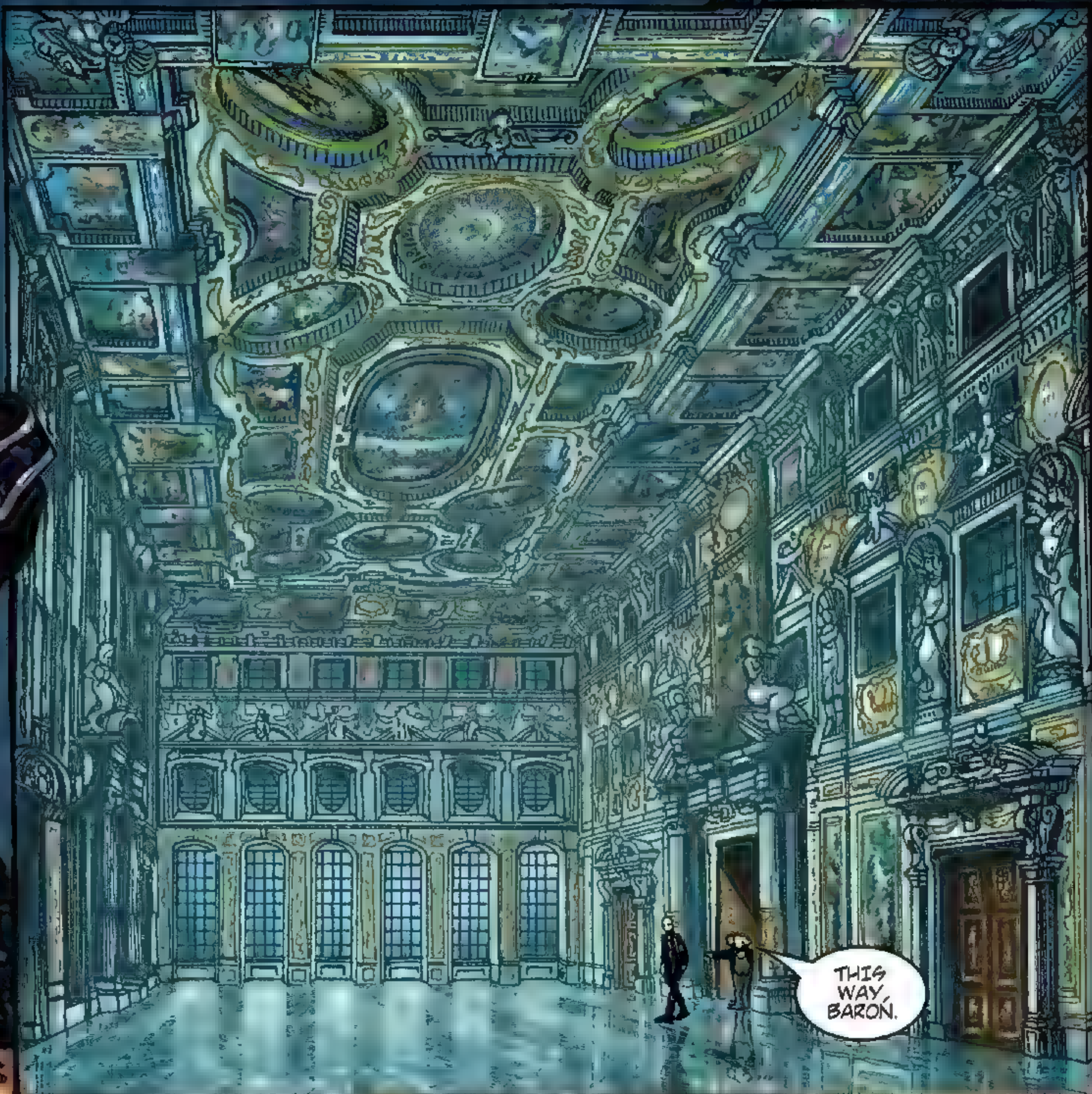
AH,
BARON
STRUCKER.
HE IS
EXPECTING
YOU.



GOOD TO
SEE YOU AGAIN,
LORENZO!

YOU ARE
A BIT EARLY,
BARON...

I DID NOT WISH TO KEEP HIS HIGHNESS WAITING.



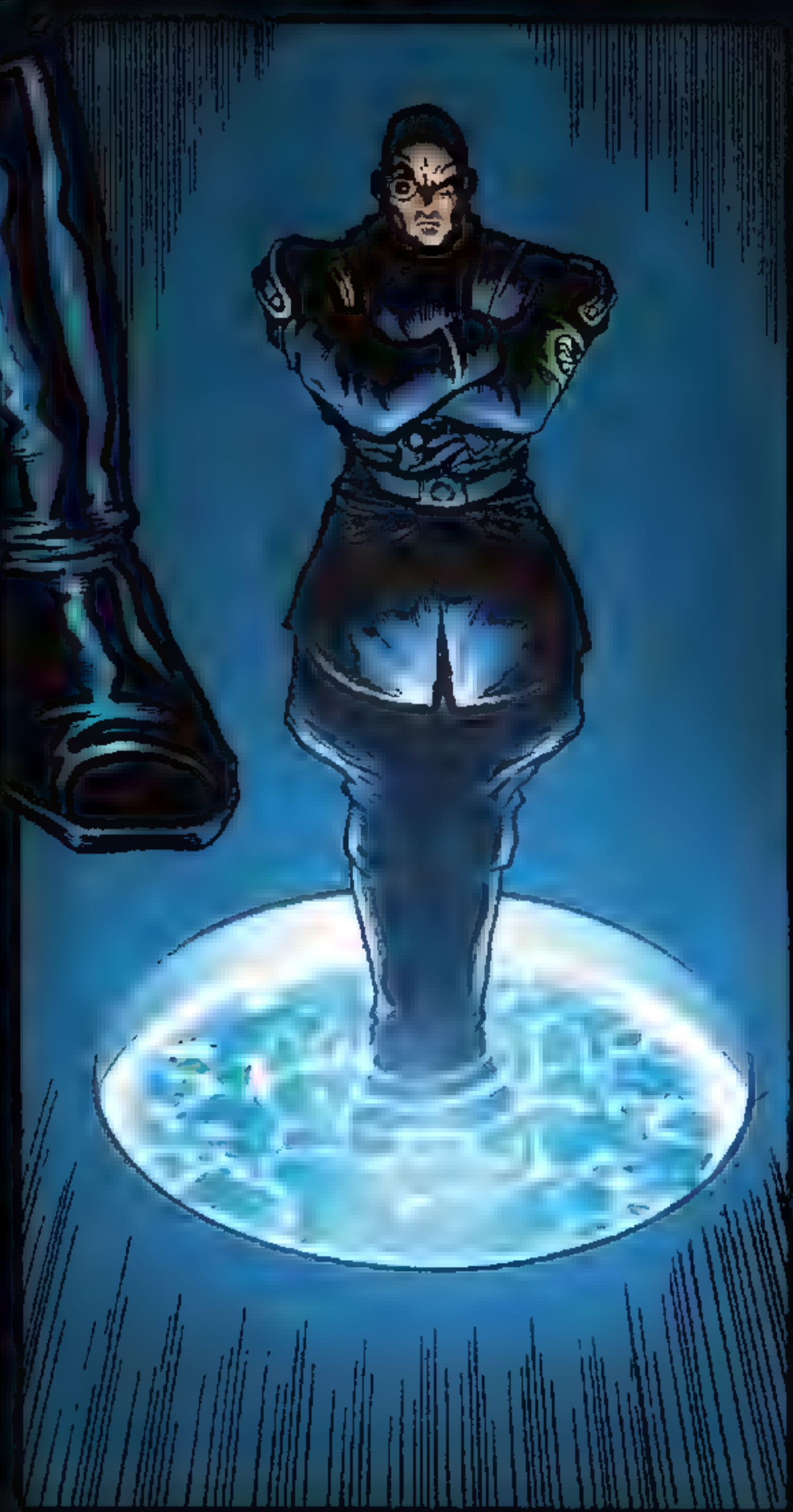
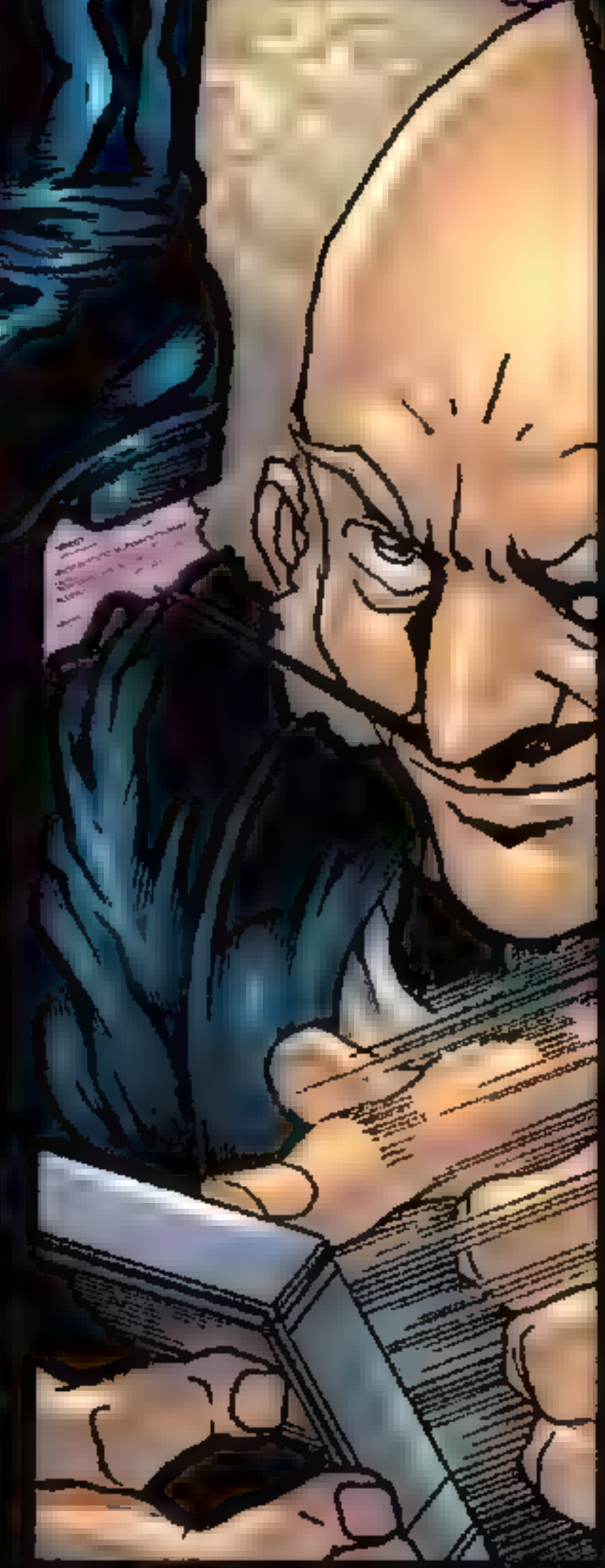
THIS WAY, BARON.

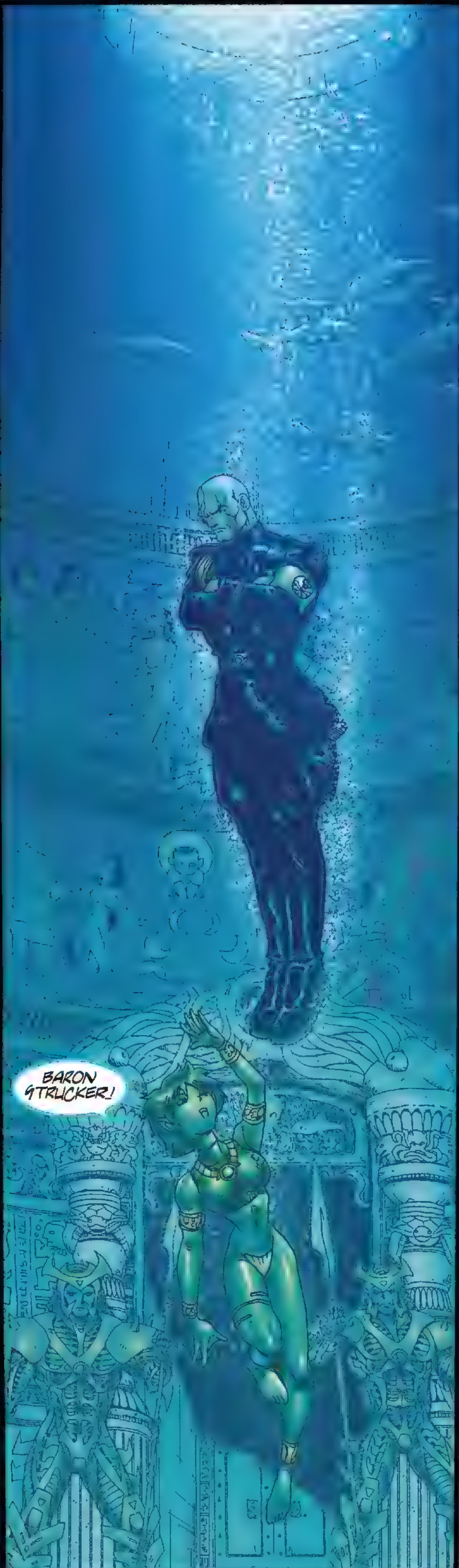
TELL ME, LORENZO, HOW FARES HIS HIGHNESS? IS HE IN GOOD SPIRITS?

I AM A LOWLY SERVANT... I KNOW NOT OF MOODS PERTAINING TO ROYALTY.



FLIK!





BARON
GTRUCKER!



AH, MY
LITTLE ONE.
I HAVE A SPECIAL
SURPRISE FOR
YOU...

...THAT IS,
IF YOU CAN
GUESS IN WHICH
HAND IT IS
HELD...

UHMM,
THAT
ONE!!



SUCH
A CLEVER
GIRL!

IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL...

A SOUL
GEM, MY
CHILD...
KEEP IT
NEAR YOUR
HEART!



NAMORITAI!

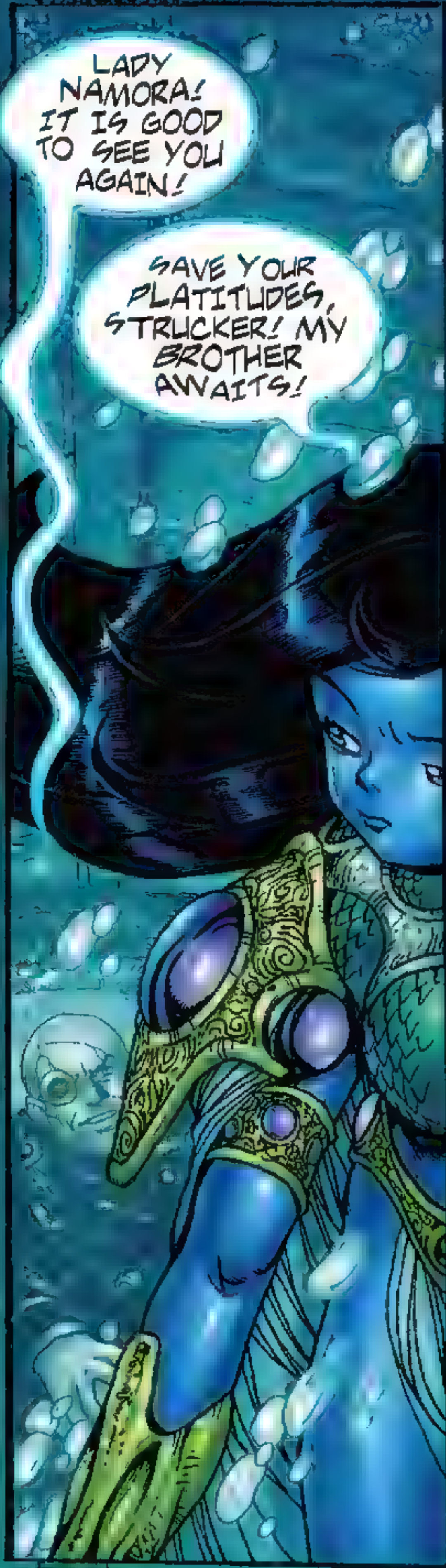


MY
LADY...

LEAVE
NOW,
CHILD!

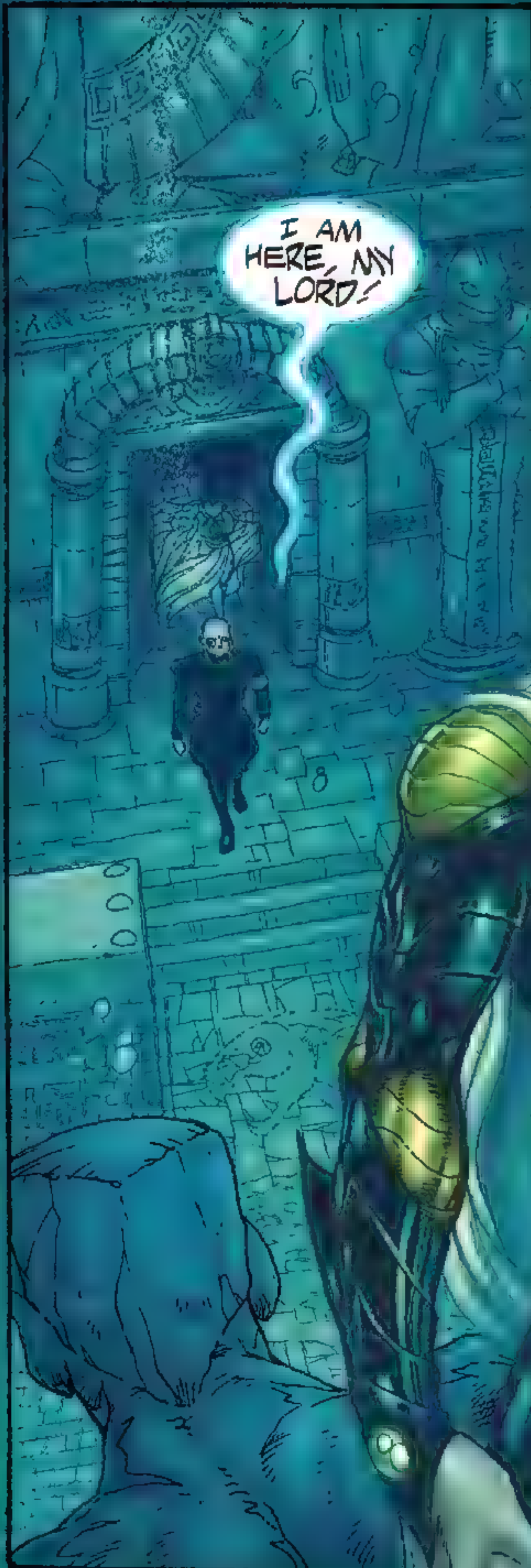
THIS
IS NOT
THE PLACE
FOR
YOU...

...NOT FOR THE
INNOCENT!



LADY NAMORA!
IT IS GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN!

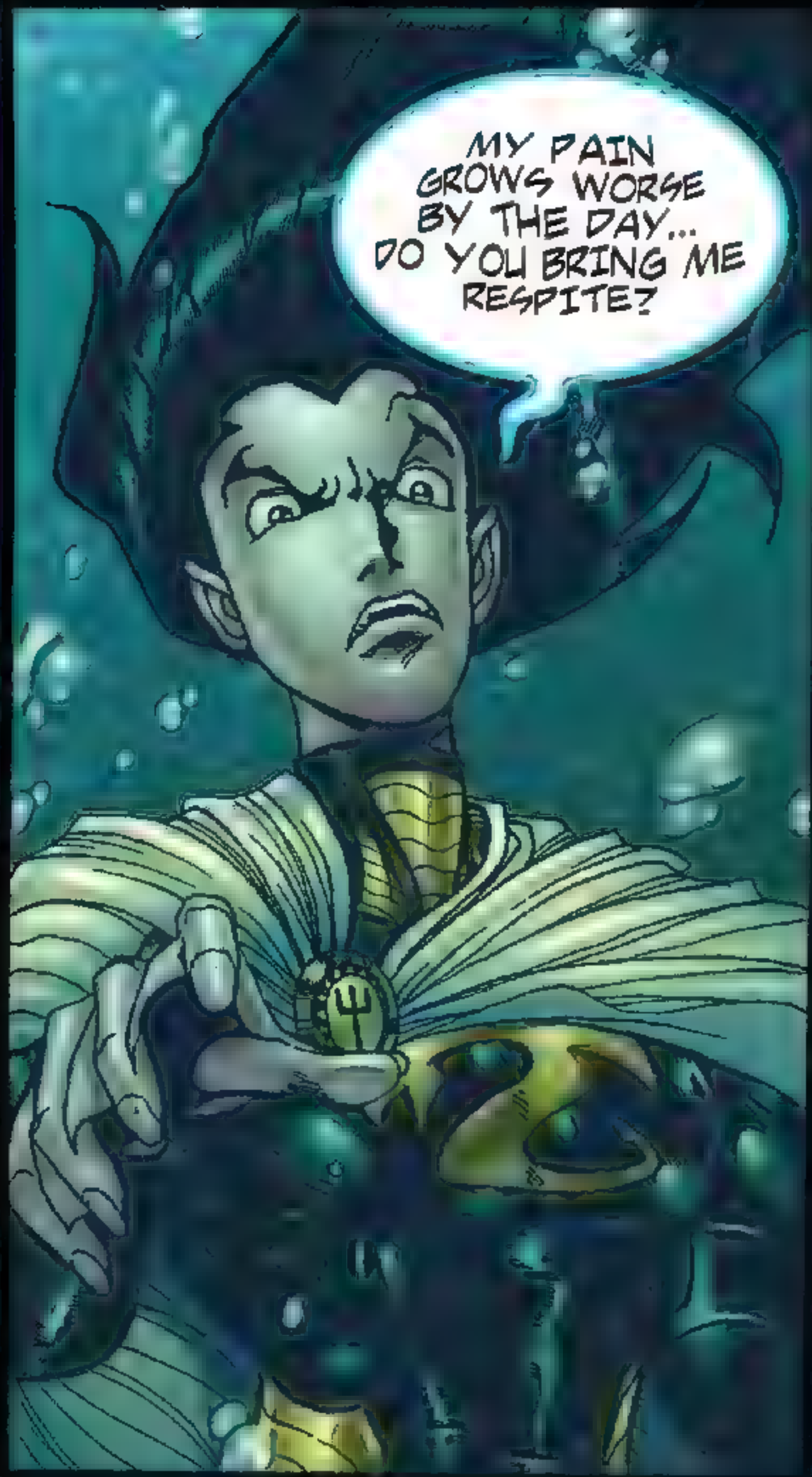
SAVE YOUR
PLATITUDES,
STRUCKER! MY
BROTHER
AWAITS!



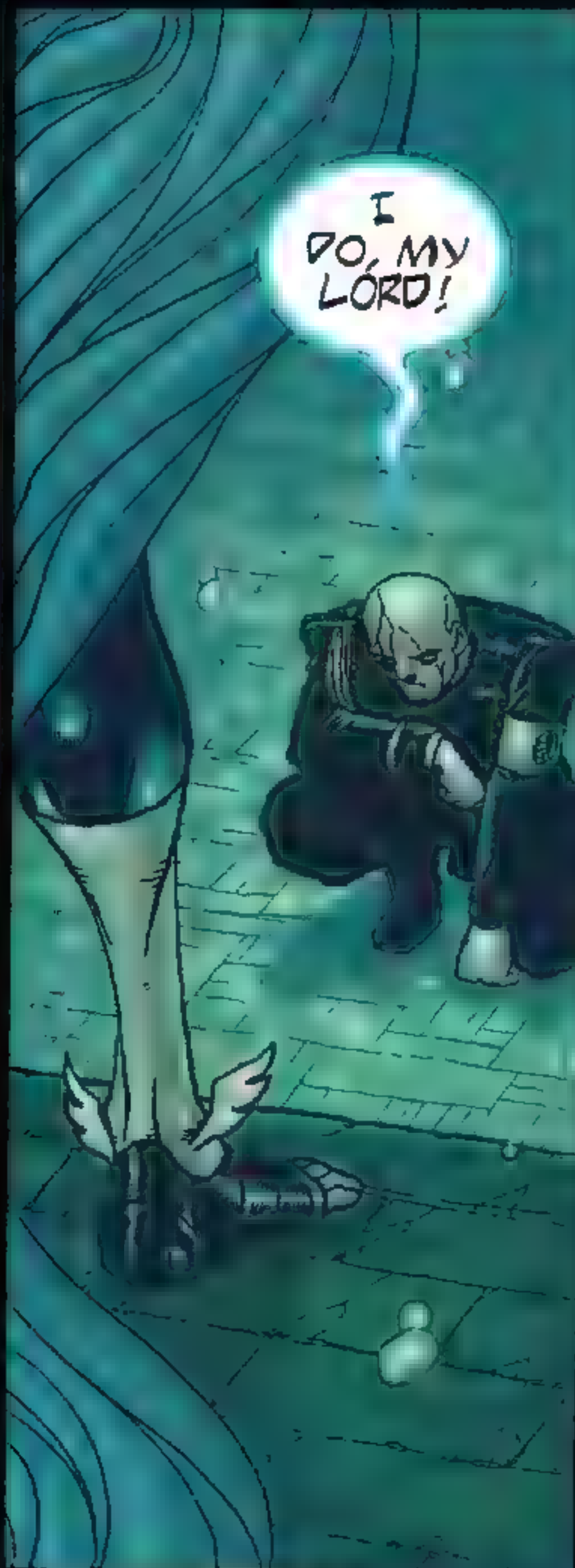
I AM
HERE, MY
LORD!



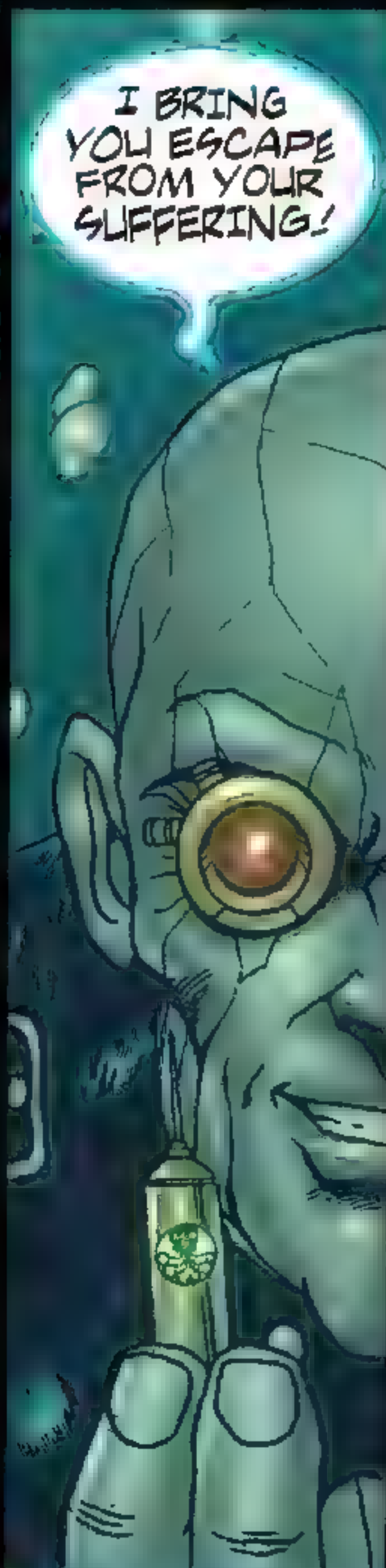
STRUCKER...
WELCOME, MY
FRIEND!



MY PAIN
GROWS WORSE
BY THE DAY...
DO YOU BRING ME
RESPIRE?



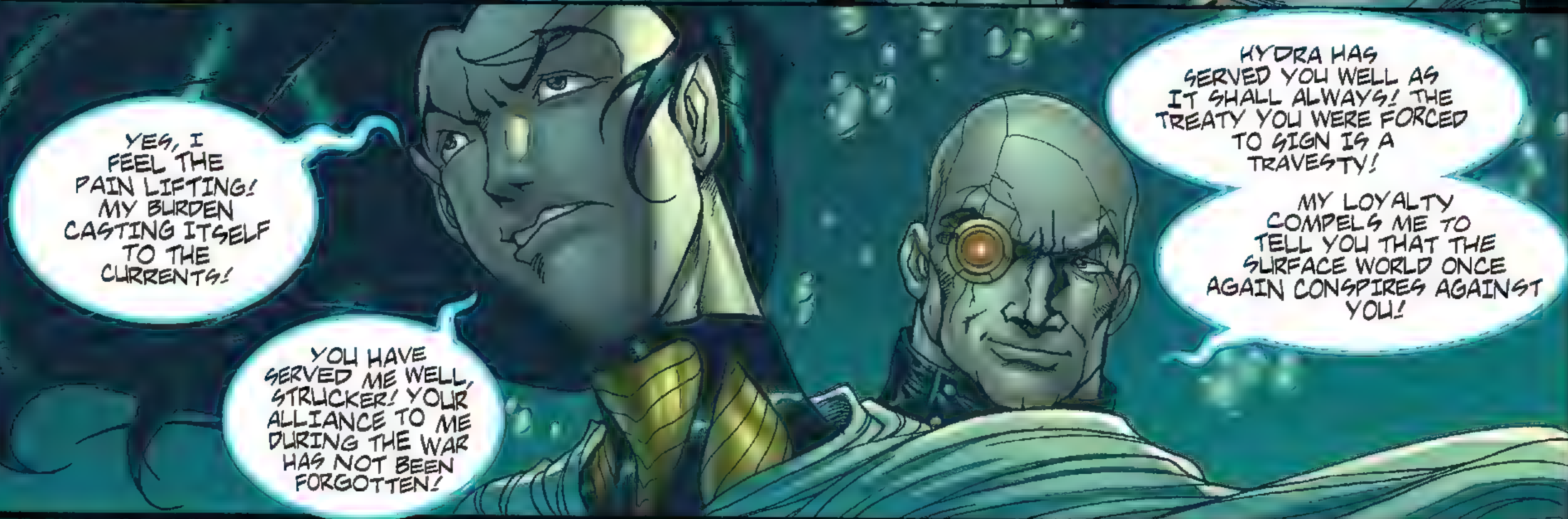
I
DO, MY
LORD!



I BRING
YOU ESCAPE
FROM YOUR
SUFFERING!



AND
SOON YOU
SHALL BE
RENEWED!



YES, I
FEEL THE
PAIN LIFTING!
MY BURDEN
CASTING ITSELF
TO THE
CURRENTS!

YOU HAVE
SERVED ME WELL,
STRUCKER! YOUR
ALLIANCE TO ME
DURING THE WAR
HAS NOT BEEN
FORGOTTEN!

HYDRA HAS
SERVED YOU WELL AS
IT SHALL ALWAYS! THE
TREATY YOU WERE FORCED
TO SIGN IS A
TRAVESTY!

MY LOYALTY
COMPELS ME TO
TELL YOU THAT THE
SURFACE WORLD ONCE
AGAIN CONSPIRES AGAINST
YOU!



BEHOLD! THE
GOLDEN AVENGER,
IRONMAN, HAS ONCE
AGAIN BUILT THE
ENERGY WELL TO
USE AGAINST
YOU!

WHAT IS
THIS?! THE
TREATY FORBADE ITS
REBUILDING!

IS THERE
NO HONOR?

AS YOU
CAN SEE, THE
SURFACE WORLD
HONORS NOTHING,
BUT THEIR CONTEMPT
FOR YOU AND ALL YOU
HOLD TRUE!



SO! MY
GREATEST
ENEMY, IRONMAN,
WHO CAUSED MY
WOUNDS PHYSICAL,
WOULD NOW SEEK
TO WOUND MY
SPIRIT AS
WELL!

WELL,
HE WILL
NOT SUCCEED,
FOR I SHALL BE
THE ONE WHO
STRIKES
FIRST!

NEVER
SHALL I FORGET
THE BURNING EYES
OF THE ARMORED ONE
WHEN WE DUELED IN
HAND-TO-HAND
COMBAT!



NOW I
SHALL HAVE
REVENGE!!!



ONCE WE
WERE RULERS
OF THE WORLD!!!
WE SHALL BE
ONCE AGAIN!!!

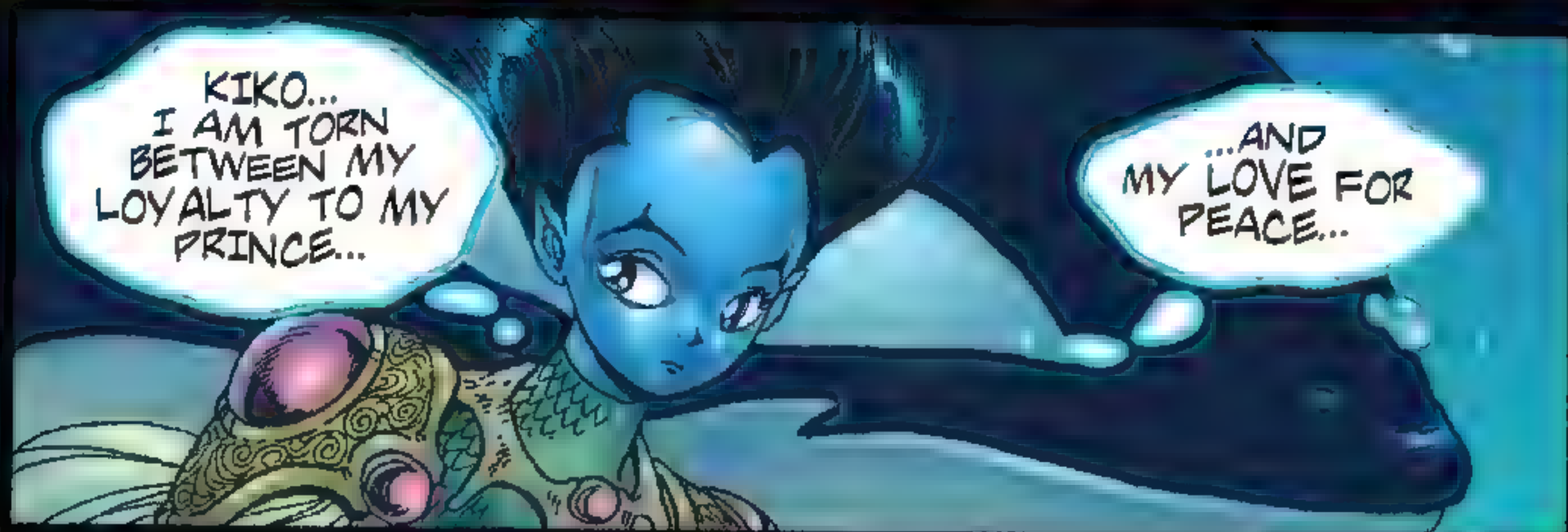
ATLANTIS
WILL RISE TO
DRIVE THE INFIDELS
FROM OUR RIGHTFUL
PLACE!!!



MY
PRINCE...
WHAT HAS HE
DONE TO
YOU?



HIS RAGE
IS UNFETTERED
AND I FEAR HE WILL
BRING MORE DEATH
AND DESTRUCTION
TO BOTH OUR
WORLDS.



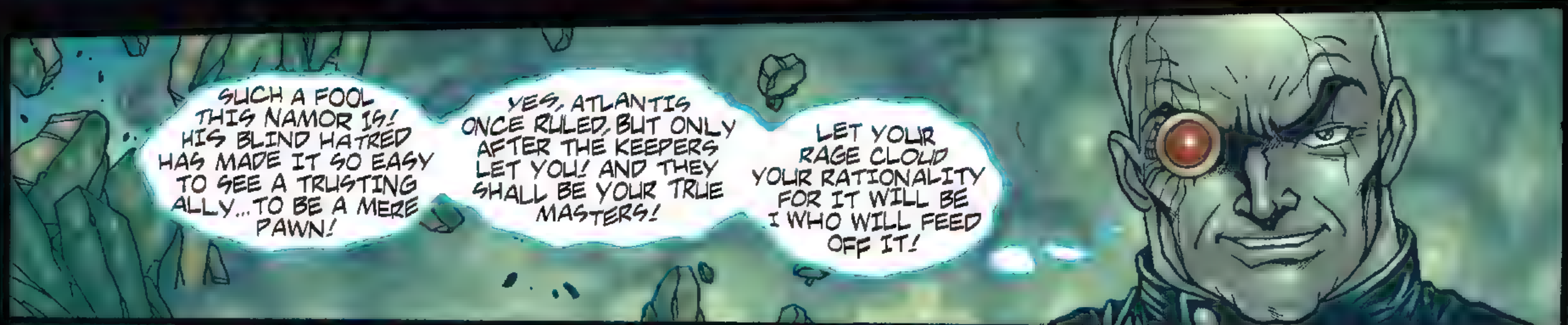
KIKO...
I AM TORN
BETWEEN MY
LOYALTY TO MY
PRINCE...

...AND
MY LOVE FOR
PEACE...



I WILL
DO WHAT I
MUST!

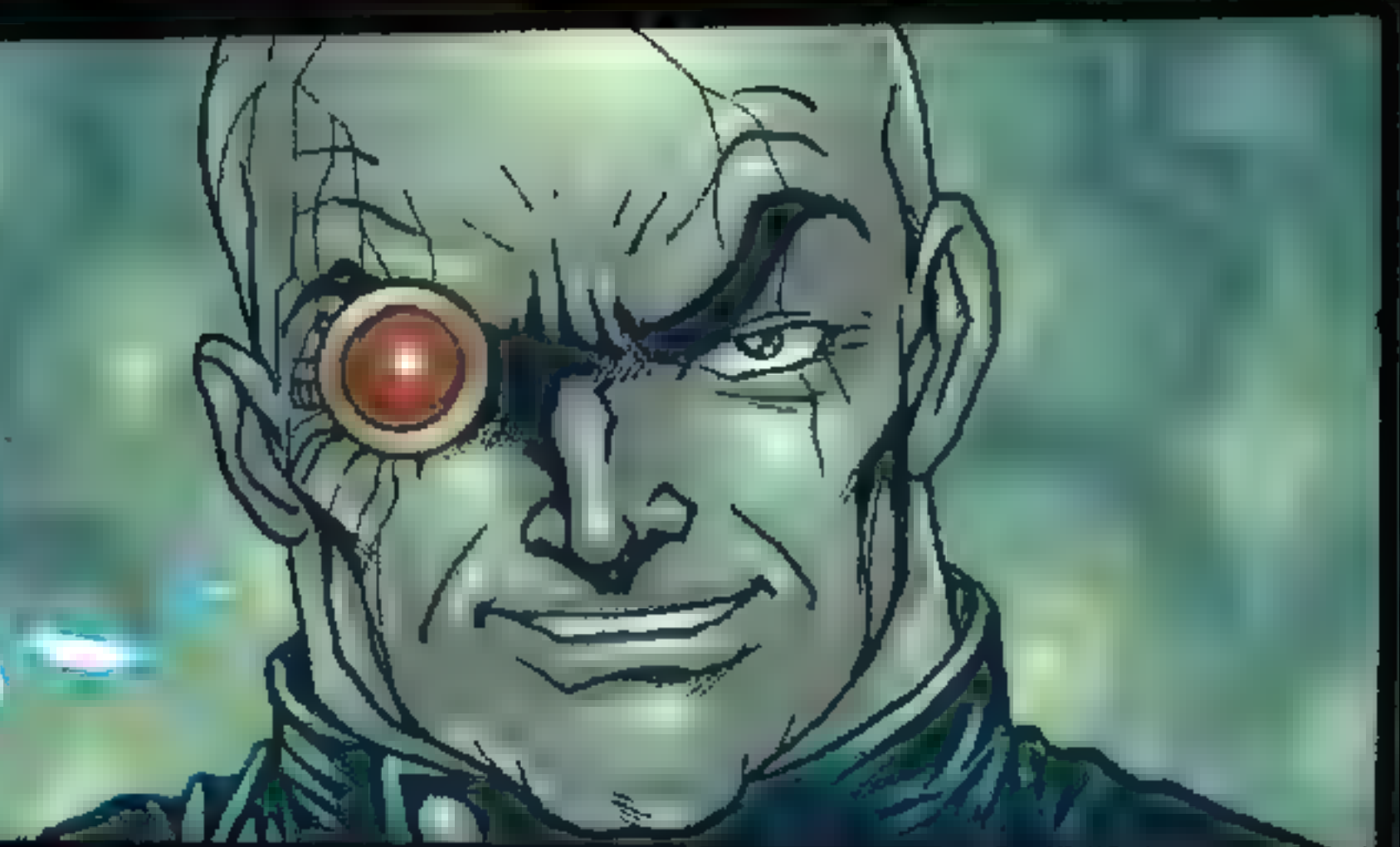
I MUST
DO WHAT MY
HEART TELLS
ME IS
RIGHT!



SUCH A FOOL
THIS NAMOR IS!
HIS BLIND HATRED
HAS MADE IT SO EASY
TO SEE A TRUSTING
ALLY... TO BE A MERE
PAWN!

YES, ATLANTIS
ONCE RULED, BUT ONLY
AFTER THE KEEPERS
LET YOU! AND THEY
SHALL BE YOUR TRUE
MASTERS!

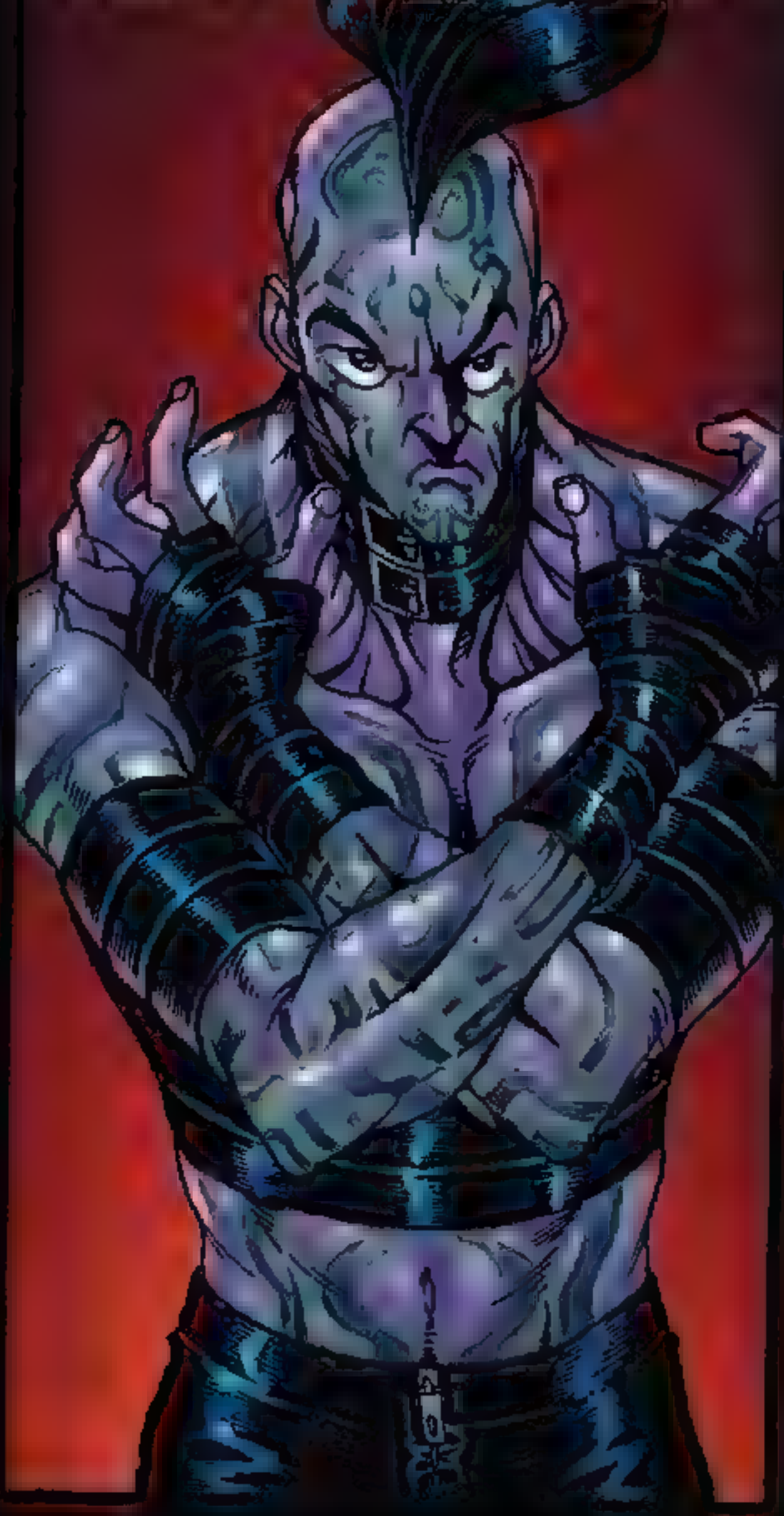
LET YOUR
RAGE CLOUD
YOUR RATIONALITY
FOR IT WILL BE
I WHO WILL FEED
OFF IT!



{ STARK ISLAND }



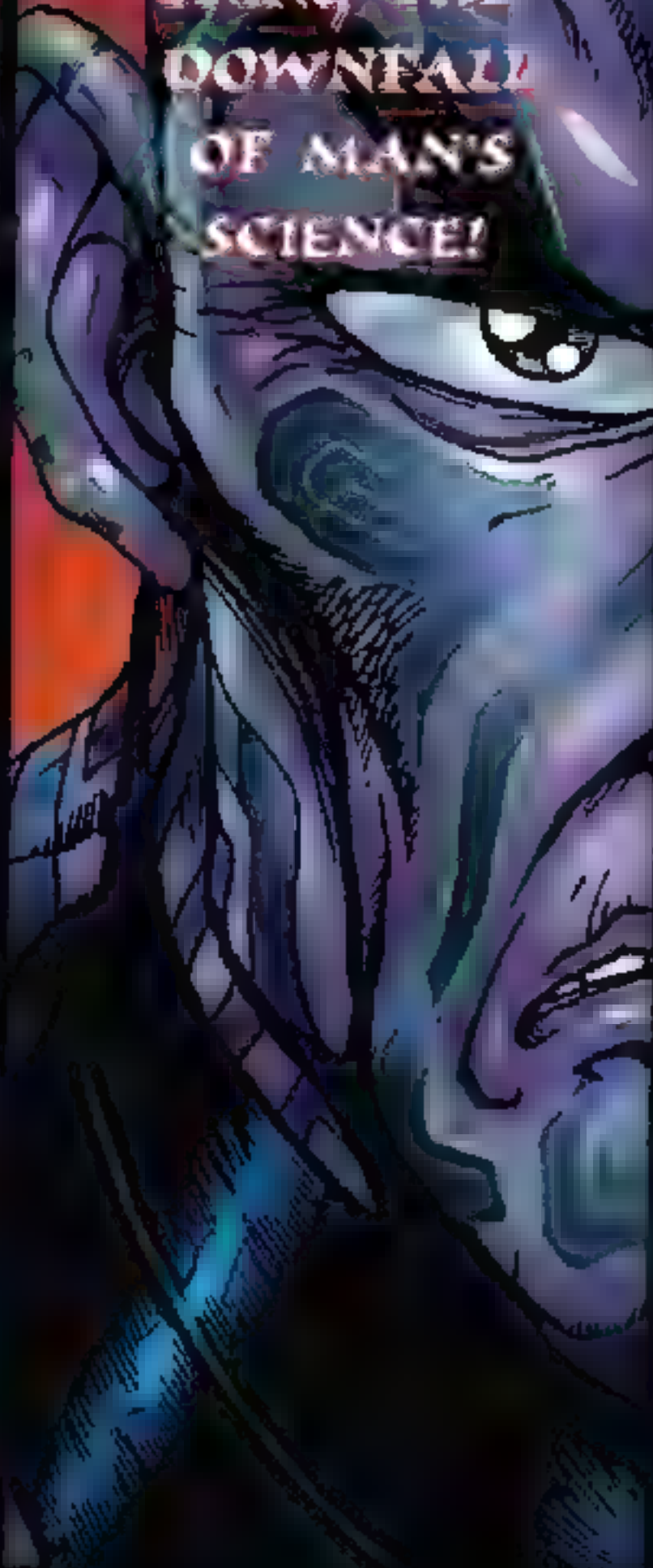
SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT!
HEAR MY CALL TO YOU!



MASTER!
THERE ARE
DARK MAGICS
ABOUT THAT
DEMAND YOUR
ATTENTION!



FROM THE
ANCIENT RINES
OF THE KEEPER'S
I CALL UPON THE
SPIRITS TO AID
IN MY QUEST TO
BRING THE
DOWNFALL
OF MAN'S
SCIENCE!



THE MAGICS
GROW STRONGER.
MASTER! YOU
KNOW YOUR DUTY
TO THE ANCIENT
ONE! TO MAN!



BARON MORDO
COMMANDS IT!!



WELCOME
TO STARK ISLAND,
BLACK WIDOW!

I TRUST
YOUR TRIP WAS
NOT TOO UNSETTLING
FOR YOU OR THE
EXECUTIONER...

HEY
IT BEATS
FLYING...

AND IT'S
NOT EVERY DAY
YOU GET TO TRAVEL
ON THE ASTRAL
PLANE!

COME!
WE HAVE
MUCH TO
DO!

YES,
CLOAK, I
SENSE
IT!

NOW LET ME
FINISH MY
DISSECTION!

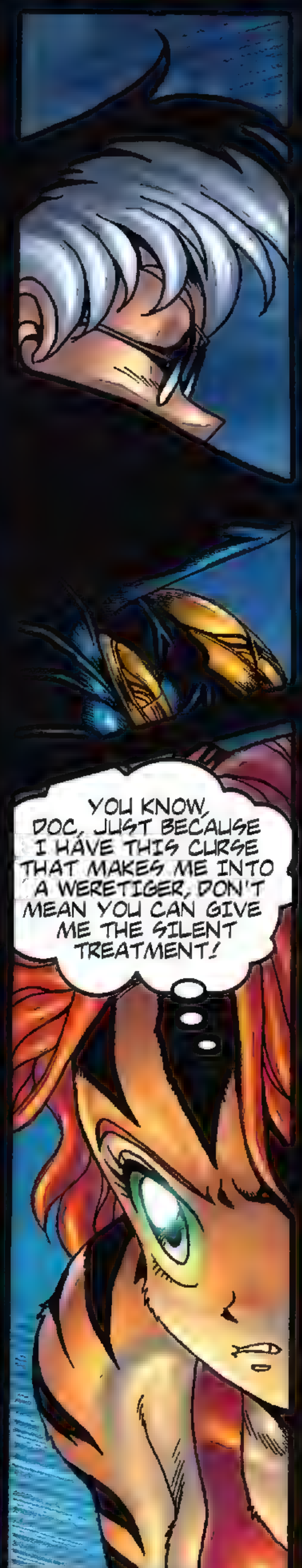
NOW,
THAT'S WHAT I CALL
TRAVELING!



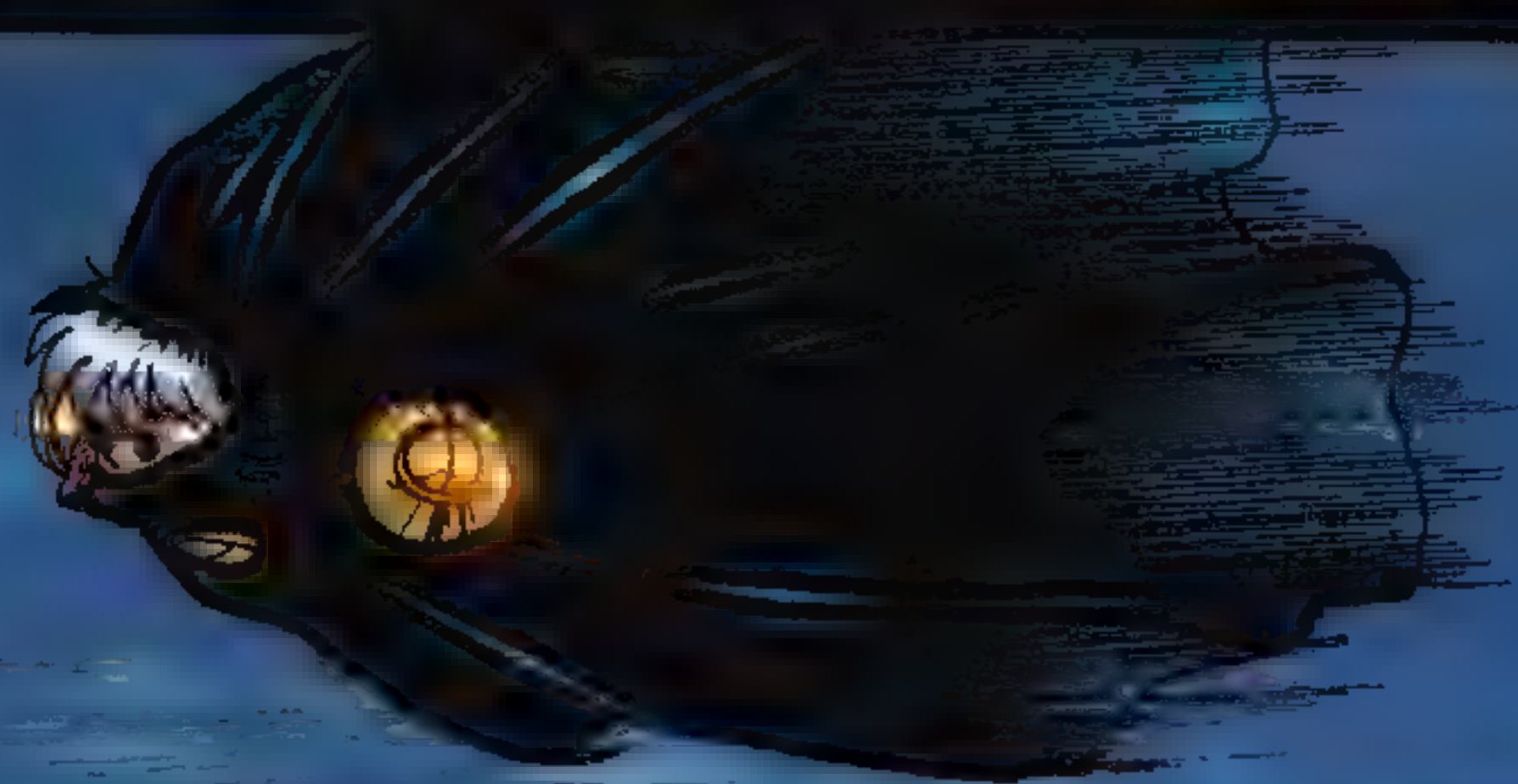


OKAY, DOC...YOU'VE CONVINCED ME! COULD YOU AT LEAST TELL ME WHERE WE'RE GOING?

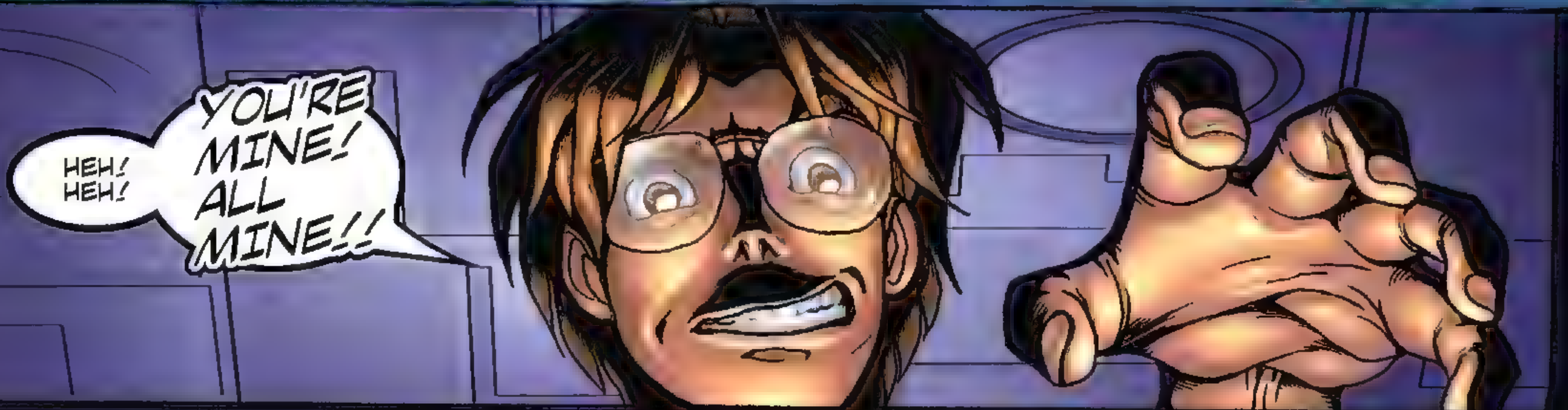
THE BAHAMAS? MONTE CARLO? I HEAR THAT BRISBANE IS NICE THIS TIME OF YEAR!



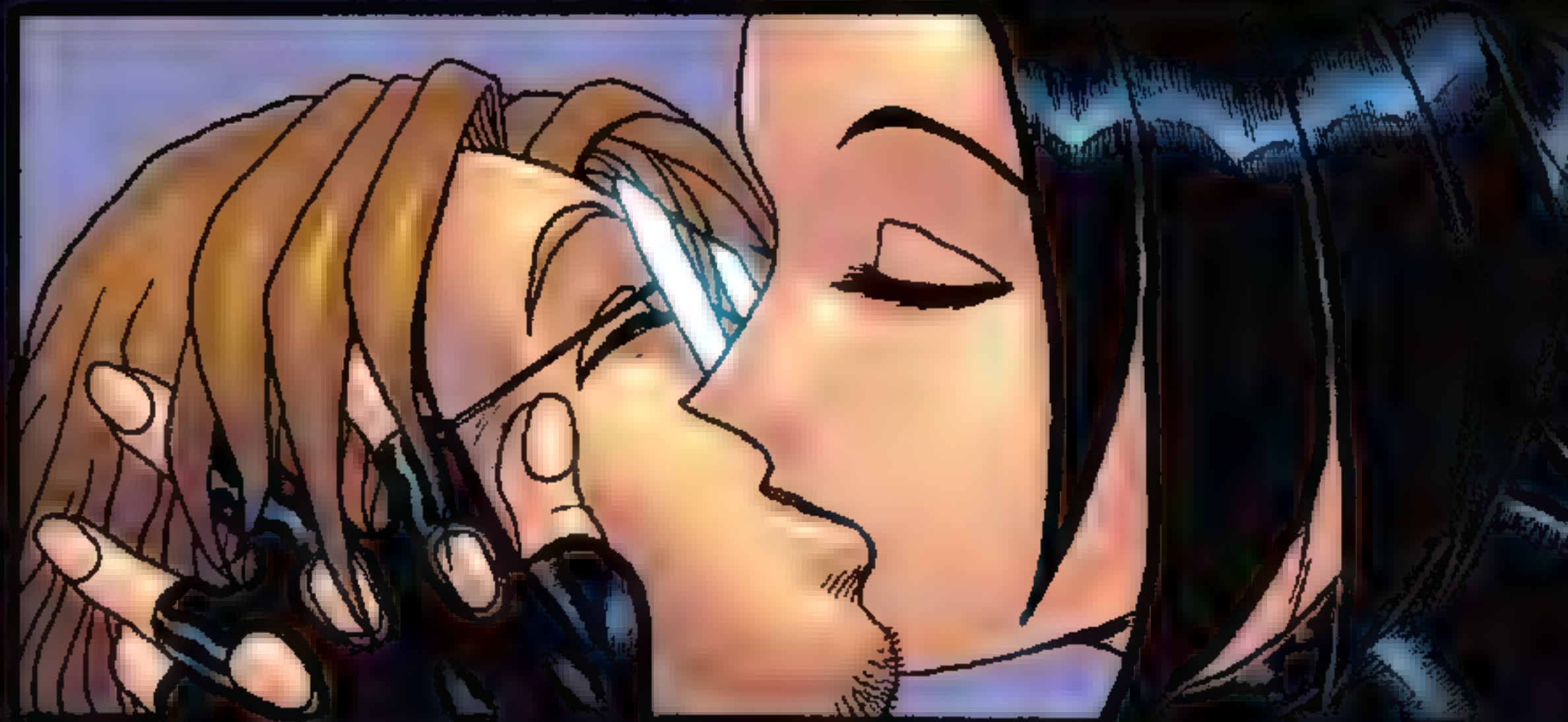
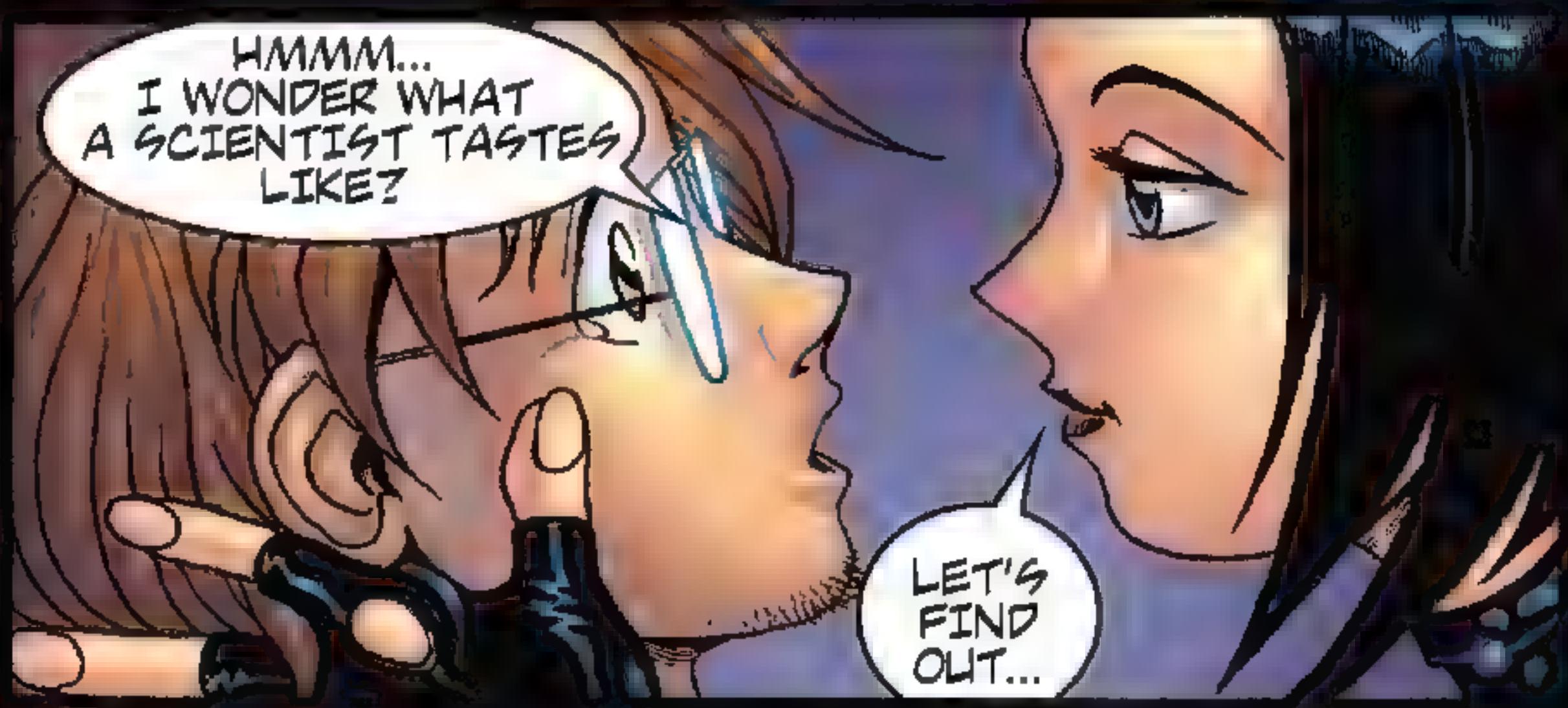
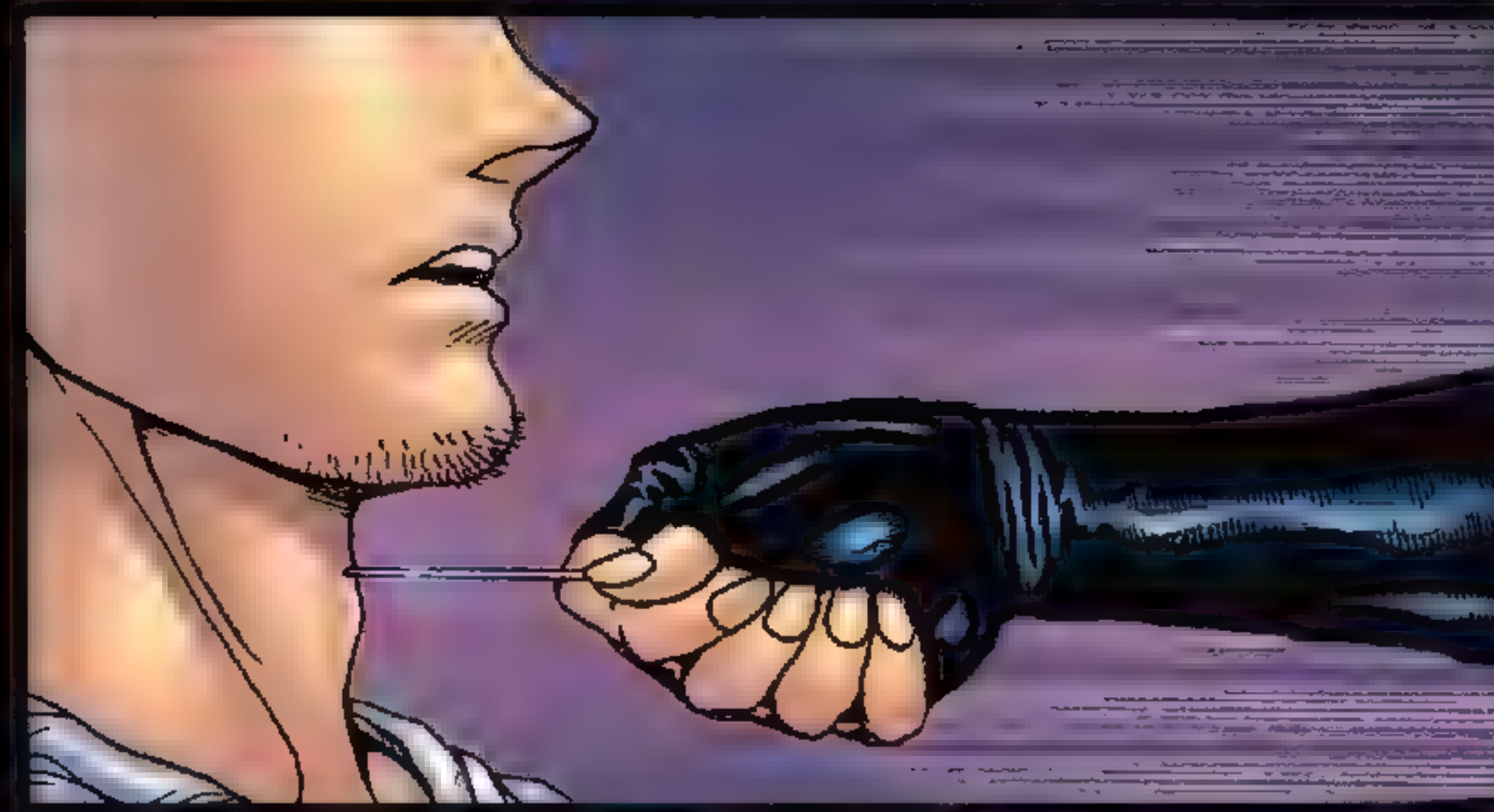
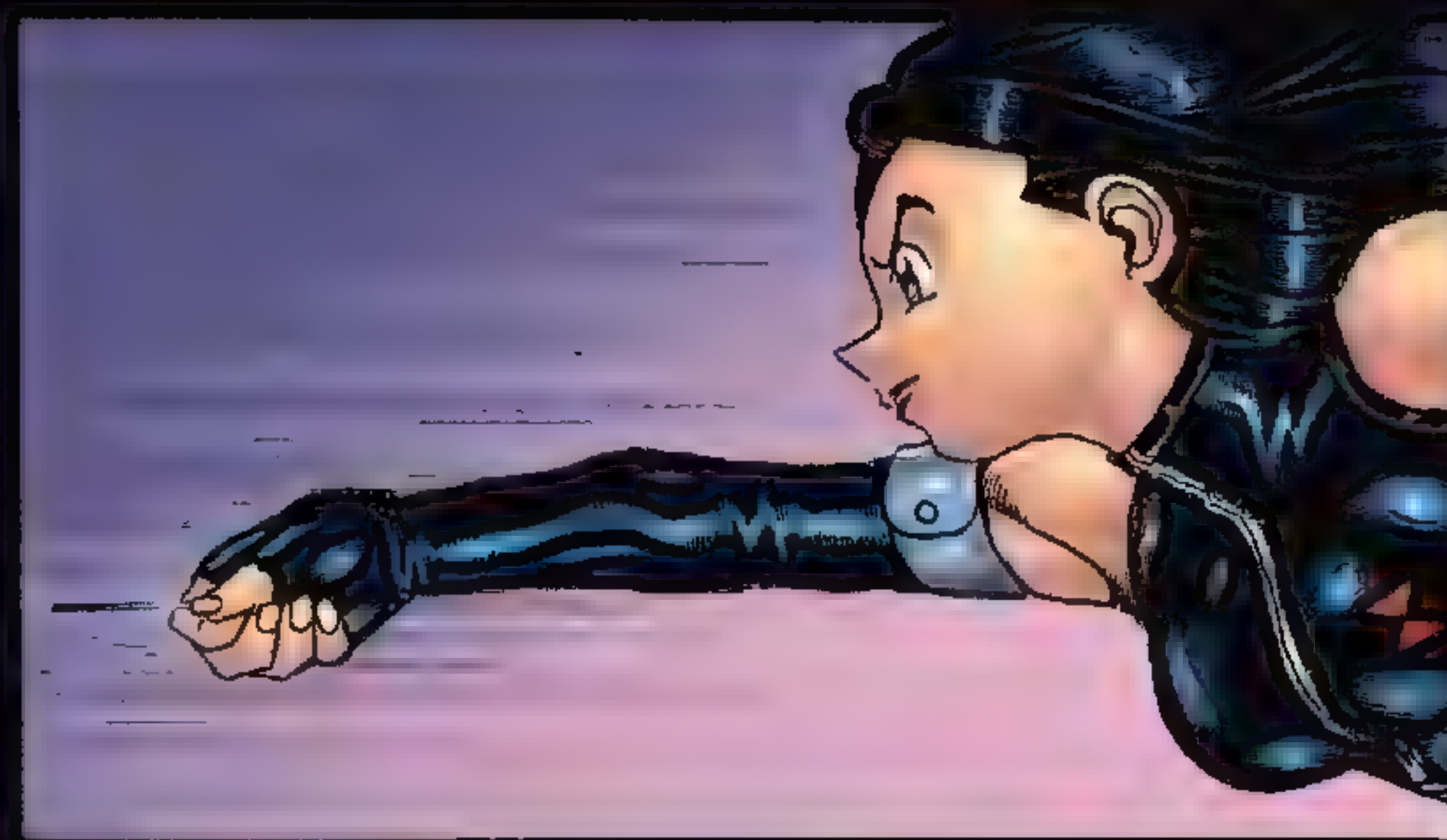
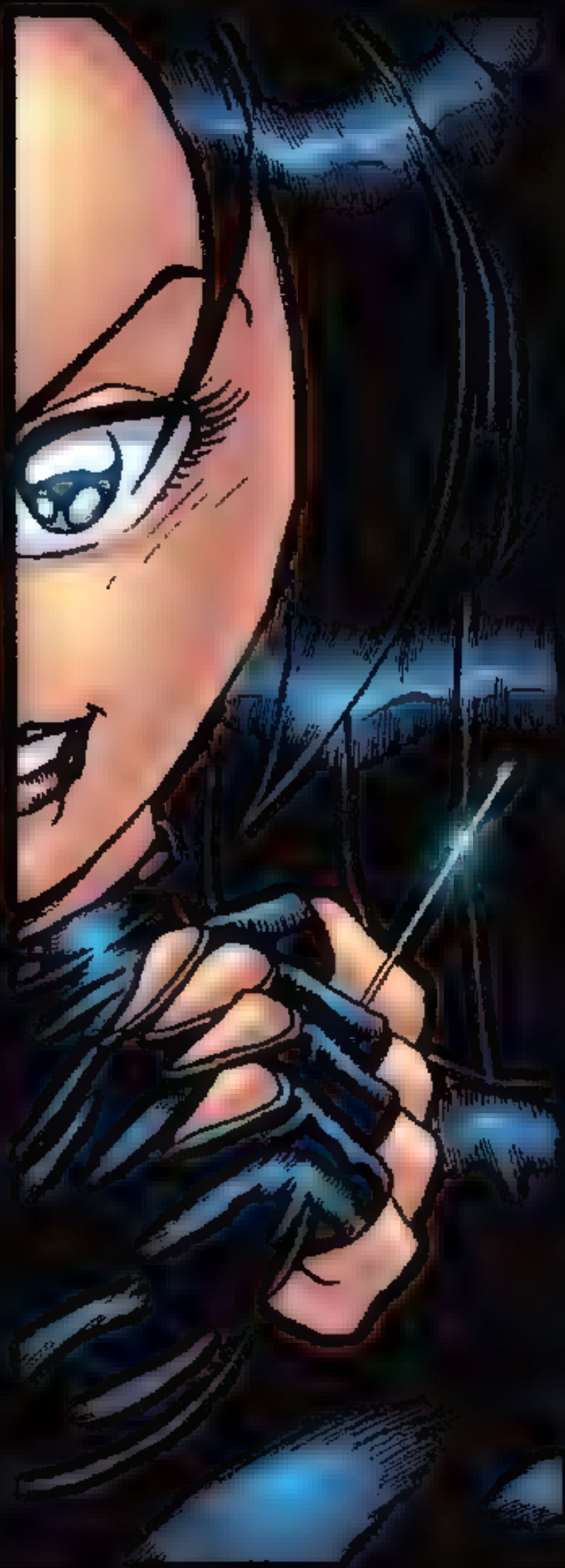
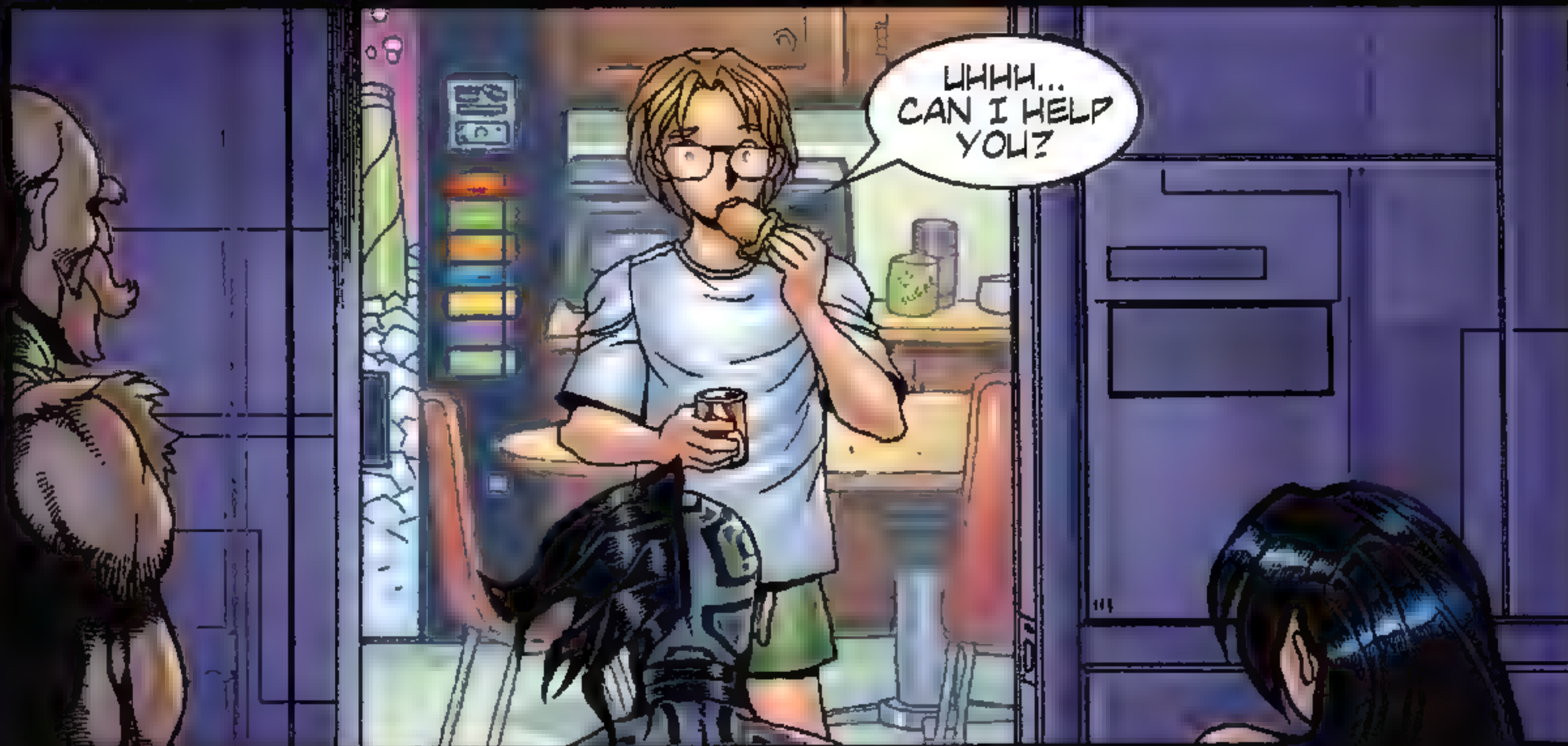
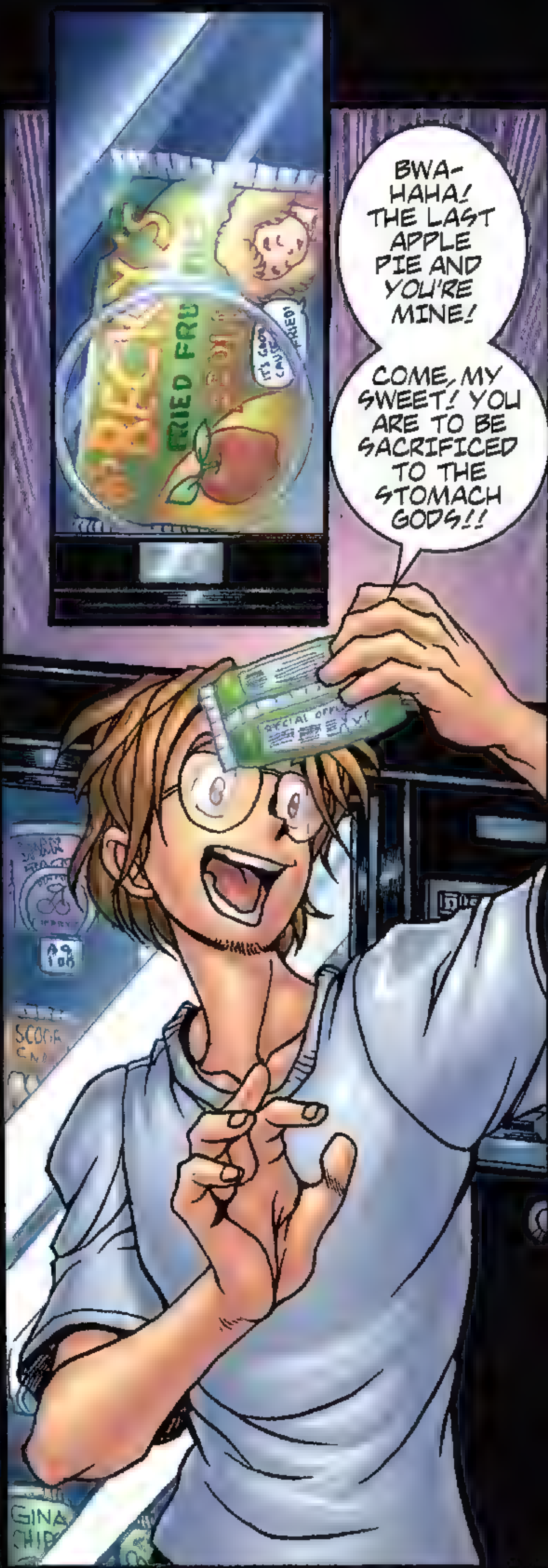
YOU KNOW, DOC, JUST BECAUSE I HAVE THIS CURSE THAT MAKES ME INTO A WERETIGER, DON'T MEAN YOU CAN GIVE ME THE SILENT TREATMENT!

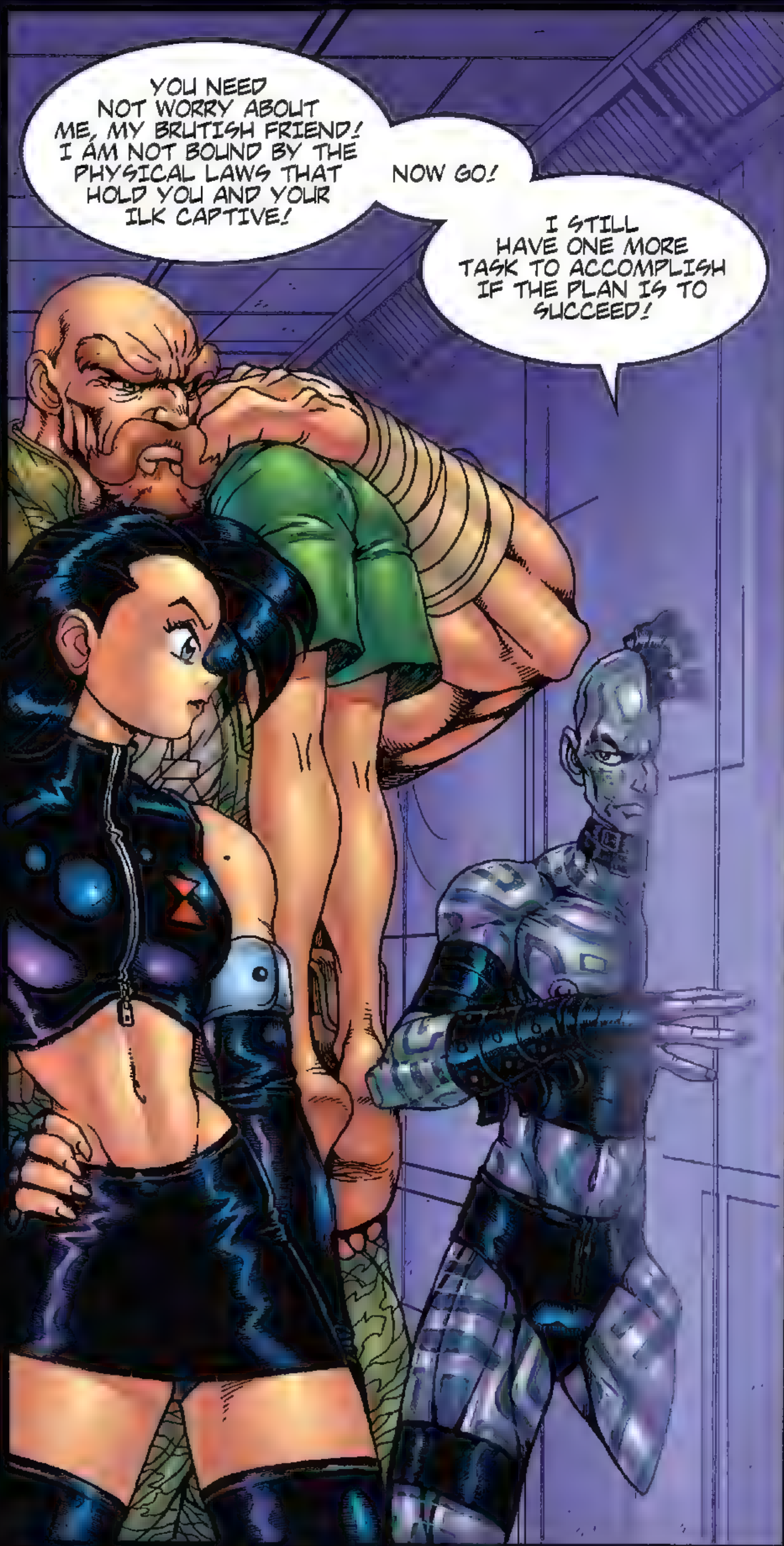


FINE! BE THAT WAY, YA JERK!
ONCE I DO MY 1000TH GOOD DEED, YOU CAN KISS MY STRIPED BUTT GOOD-BYE!



HEH! HEH!
YOU'RE MINE!
ALL MINE!!





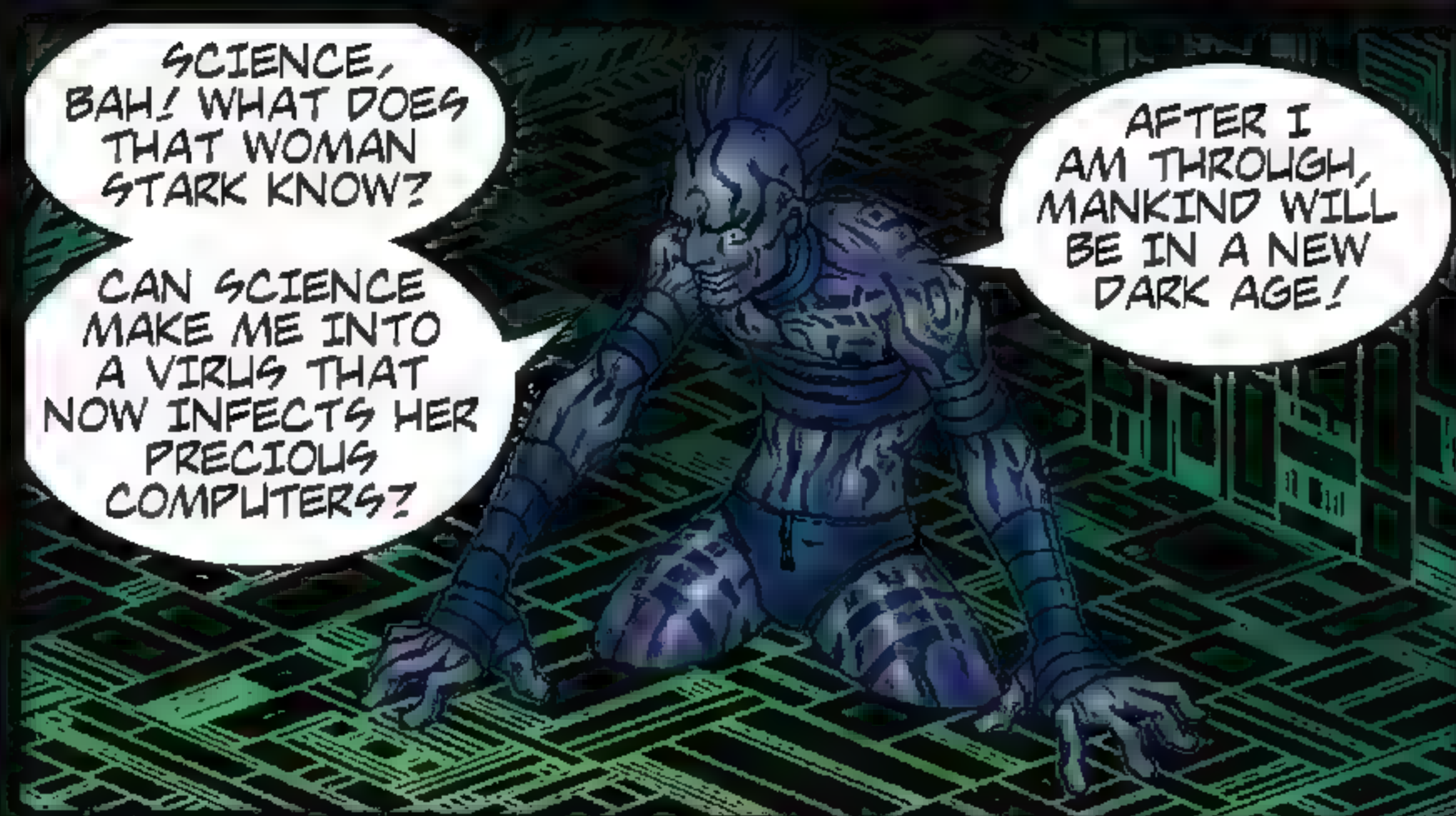
YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT ME, MY BRITISH FRIEND! I AM NOT BOUND BY THE PHYSICAL LAWS THAT HOLD YOU AND YOUR ILK CAPTIVE!

NOW GO!

I STILL HAVE ONE MORE TASK TO ACCOMPLISH IF THE PLAN IS TO SUCCEED!



YOU KNOW... THAT CREEPS ME OUT WHENEVER HE DOES THAT!



SCIENCE, BAH! WHAT DOES THAT WOMAN STARK KNOW?

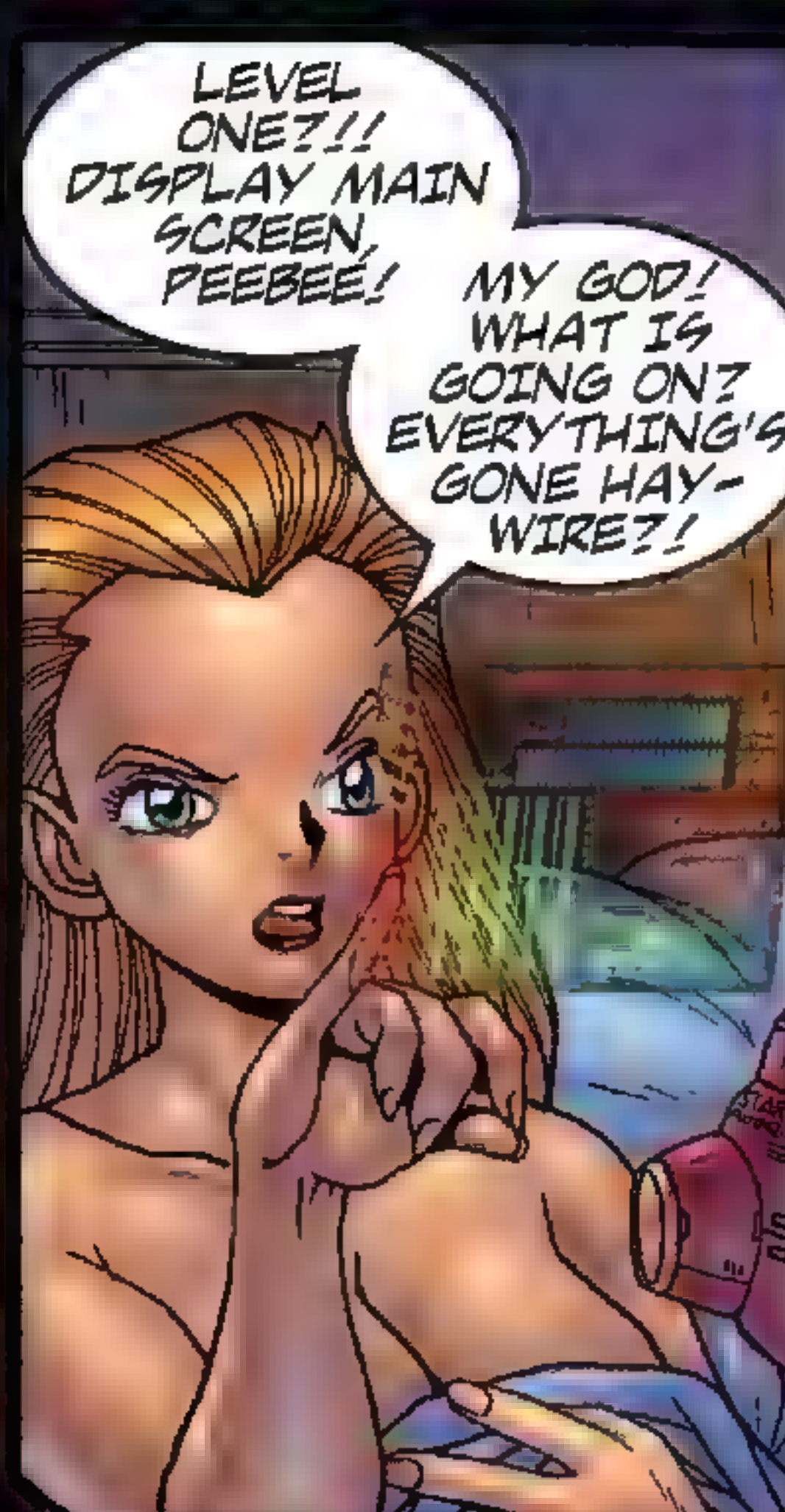
CAN SCIENCE MAKE ME INTO A VIRUS THAT NOW INFECTS HER PRECIOUS COMPUTERS?

AFTER I AM THROUGH, MANKIND WILL BE IN A NEW DARK AGE!



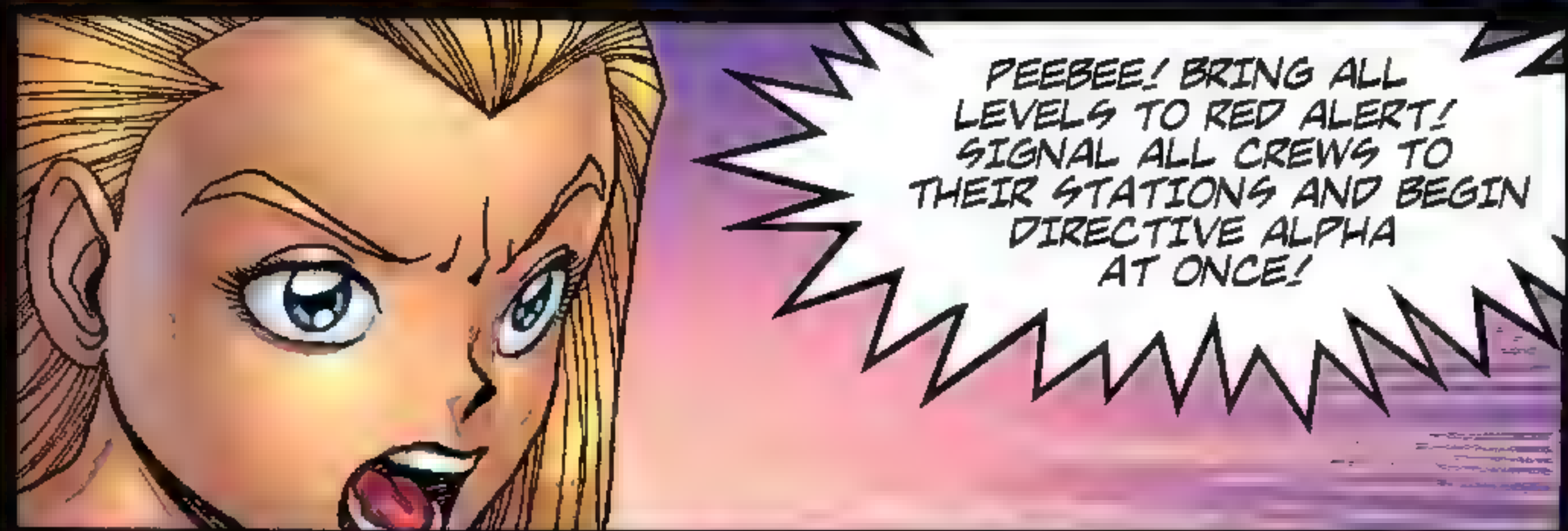
I AM SORRY TO WAKE YOU, MISTRESS, BUT WE HAVE A LEVEL ONE ALERT!

HUH? WHAZZAT? LEVEL WHA?!



LEVEL ONE?!! DISPLAY MAIN SCREEN, PEEBEE!

MY GOD! WHAT IS GOING ON? EVERYTHING'S GONE HAY-WIRE?!



PEEBEE! BRING ALL LEVELS TO RED ALERT! SIGNAL ALL CREWS TO THEIR STATIONS AND BEGIN DIRECTIVE ALPHA AT ONCE!



WOO-WEE! WOO-WEE! WOO-WEE!!

ATTENTION! ALL UNITS ON RED ALERT! ALPHA! THIS IS NOT A DRILL! THIS IS NOT A DRILL!



SO IT BEGINS...

WE ARE DEALING WITH FORCES BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING!

UH, NICE KITTY!

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

COME, MOTU...



HA/HA!
WHERE IS
YOUR SCIENCE
NOW COMPARED
TO MY MYSTIC
ARTS? I HAVE
BLINDED AND
CASTRATED
YOU!!

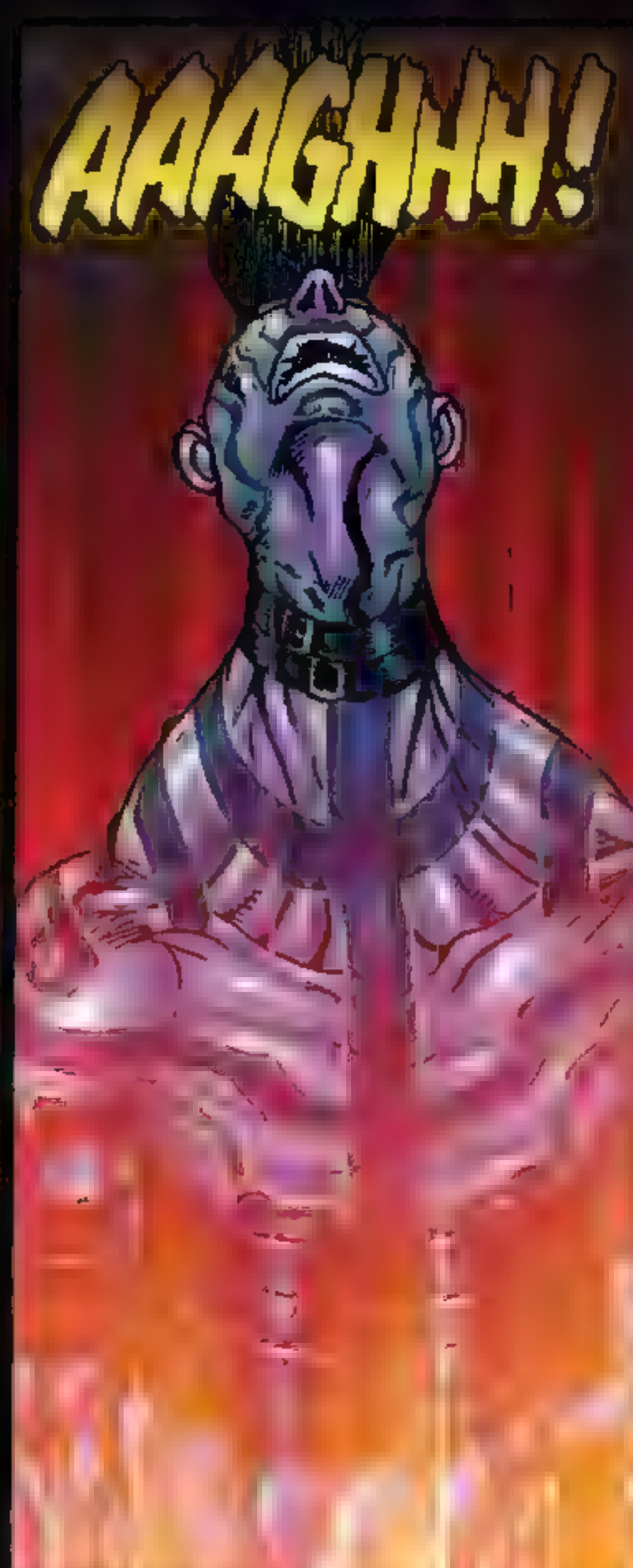
NOW
IT IS UP TO
STRUCKER!



WHAT
IS
THIS?

SOMEONE
IS INVOKING
THE SPIRIT OF
ICARUS!

HOW
CAN THIS BE?
UNLESS...



AAAGHHH!



WHHH!!
I HAVE BEEN
TELEPORTED INTO
SPACE...



YOU!!
BUT THE
KEEPERS ASSURED
ME YOU WOULD
BE...

DEAD?

THINK
AGAIN, BARON
MORDO! IT WILL
TAKE MORE THAN AN
ANCIENT MONSTER
LIKE THE YETI TO
DESTROY ME!

I BROUGHT
YOU HERE SO
THAT NO INNOCENTS
WOULD BE HURT IN OUR
BATTLE!

WE WILL,
OF COURSE,
BATTLE.

I WOULD
HATE TO BE
DISAPPOINTED!



WE WILL
BATTLE STRANGE!
TO THE
DEATH!!



"TO THE
DEATH"?
NO COMPROMISE?
NO NEGOTIATION?
SUCH FINALITY LEADS TO
PREDICTABILITY!

YOUR
ATTACK IS
CLUMSY.

SEE HOW
EASILY I DEFLECT
IT, WHILE I HAVE HAD
TIME TO PLAN MY
ATTACK!



TELL ME,
BARON...HOW WILL
YOU CAST
SPELLS...

KAA RAAAK!!



YEEAAARGH!

...IF BOTH
ARMS ARE
BROKEN!!



WHAMBOOM!



DID YOU
HEAR THAT?
THE ATTACK'S
BEGIN!

YEAH!
WE BETTER
GET OUR LITTLE
HINIES OUT OF
HERE!



FUNNY YOU SHOULD MENTION YOUR HINIES...

... 'CAUSE THAT'S WHAT'S GONNA GET A SERIOUS WHIPPIN'!

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR MEAL TICKET, WIDOW, WHILE I MAKE THIS KITTY EXTINCT!!

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

NOW THEN... WHO'S GONNA TRY MY WORLD-FAMOUS KNUCKLE SANDWICH, BECAUSE IT'S ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT NIGHT!

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

HIYAAAAA!!!



AHHH! YOU LASTED ABOUT AS LONG AS THE IRAQI ARMY!

THUD



OWW! NO FAIR!!

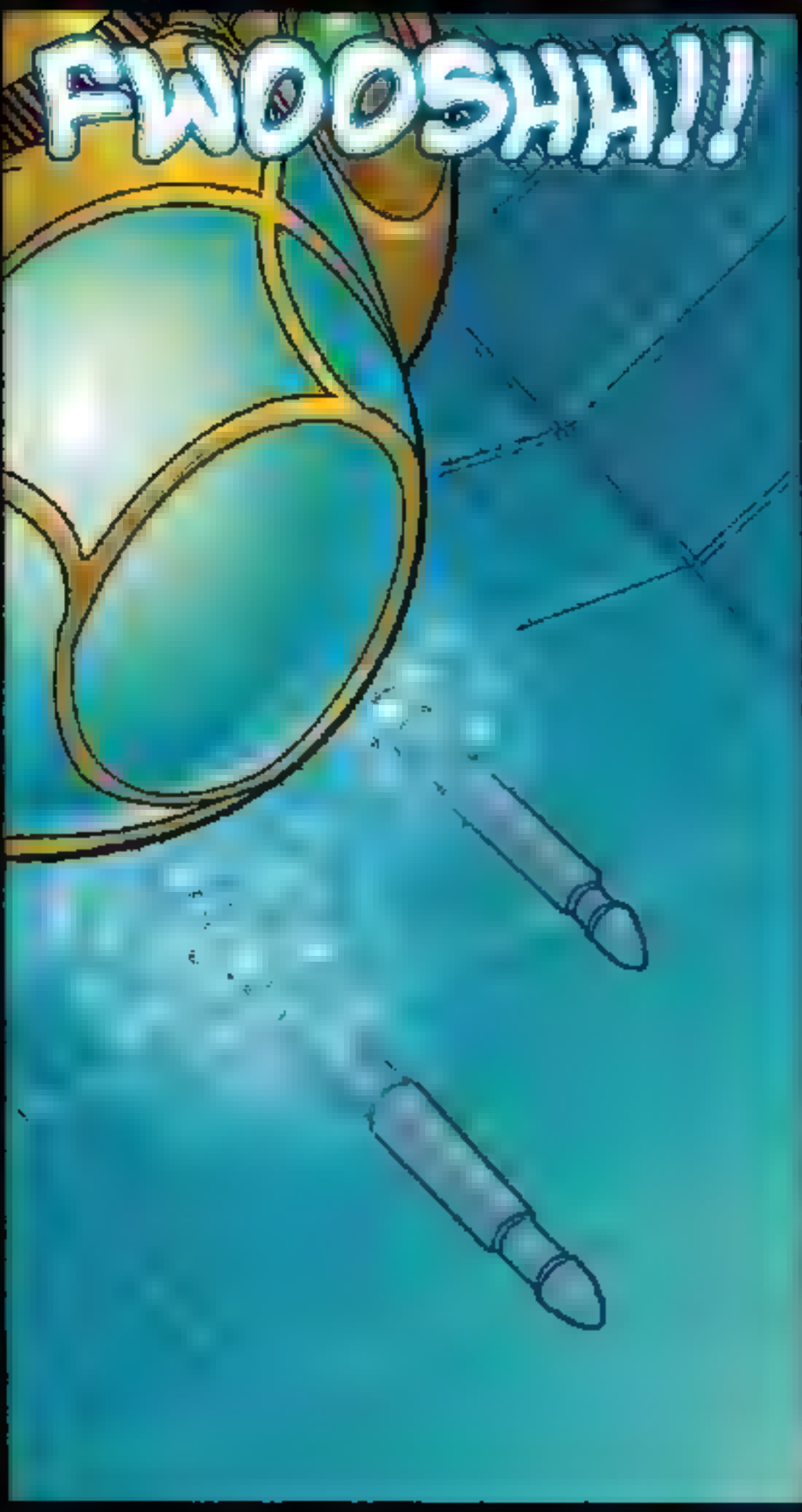
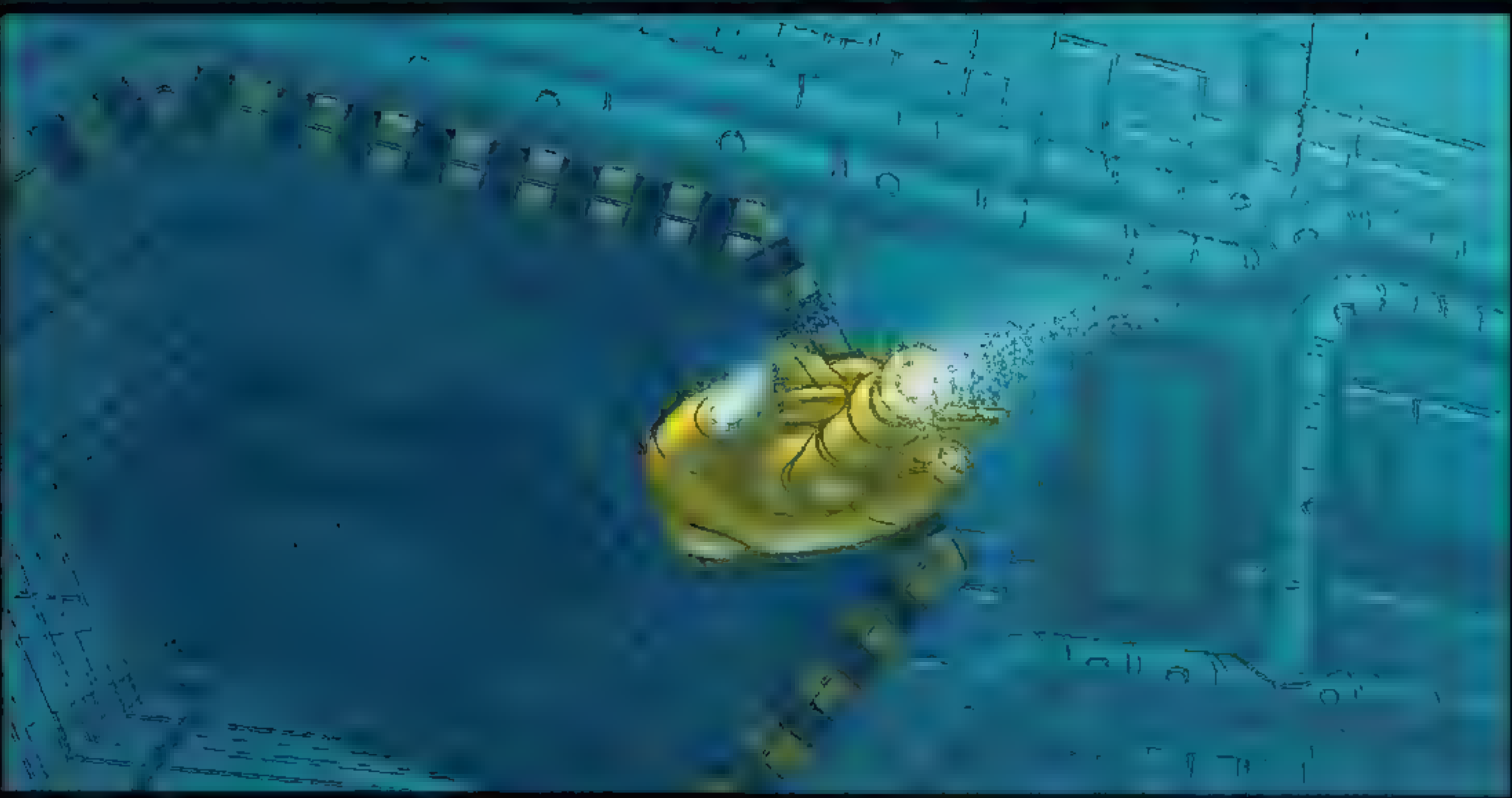
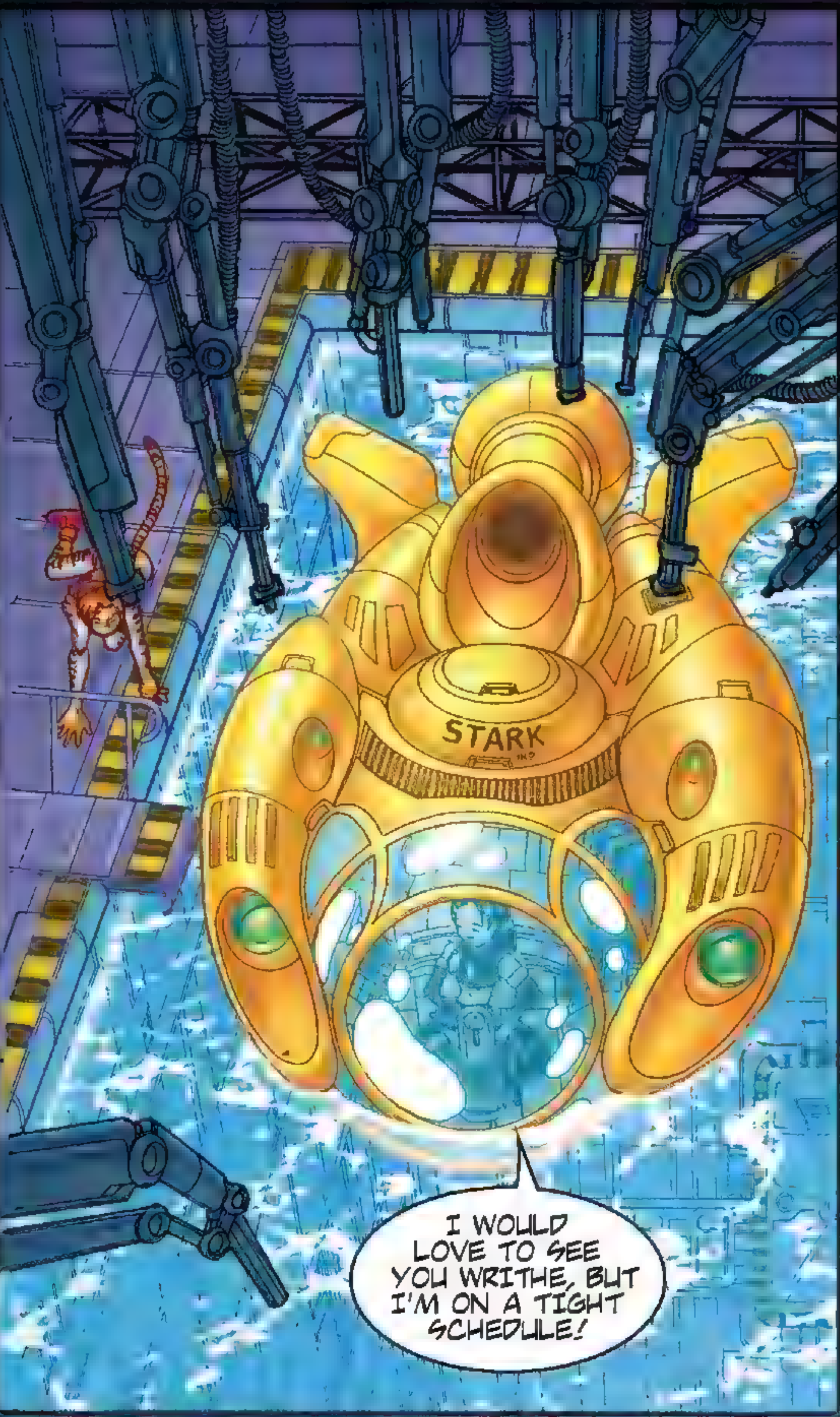
THK!

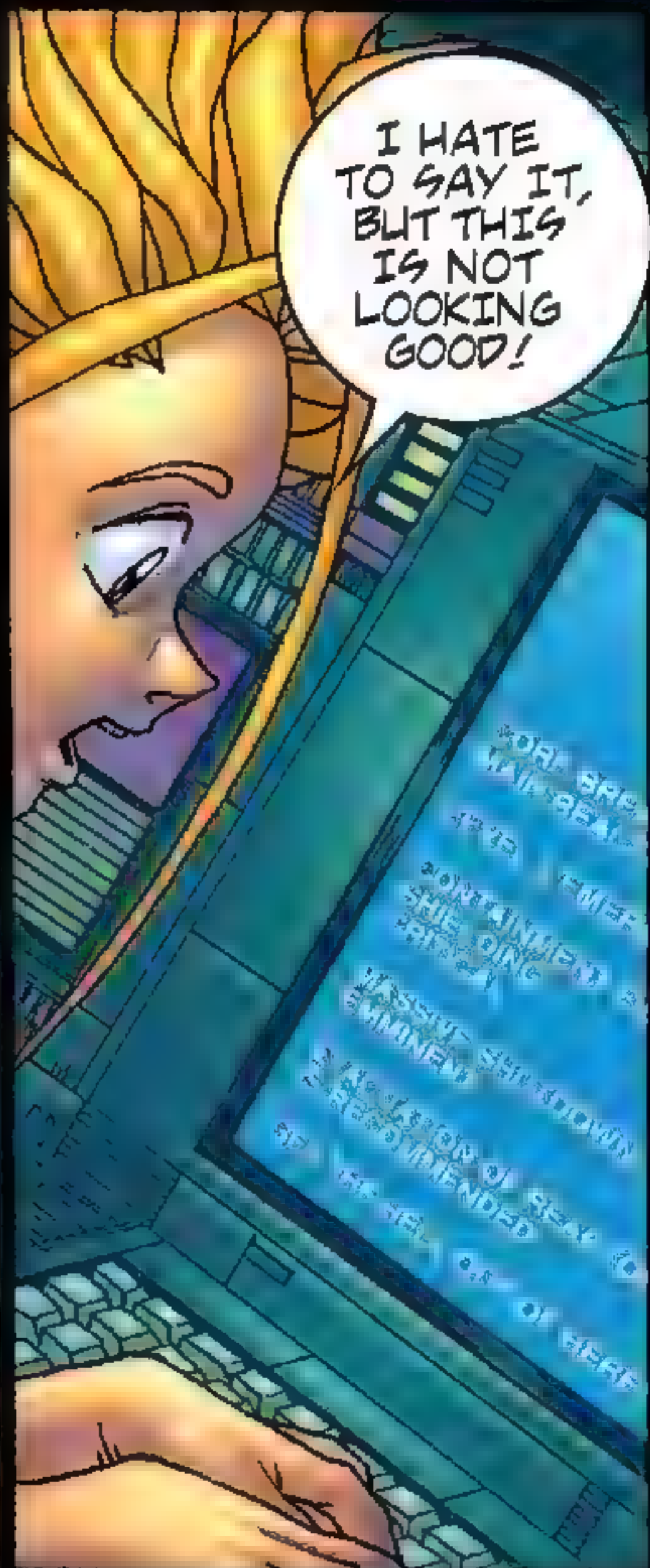


HA! THAT DART WAS MADE OF PURE BLACK WIDOW POISON!

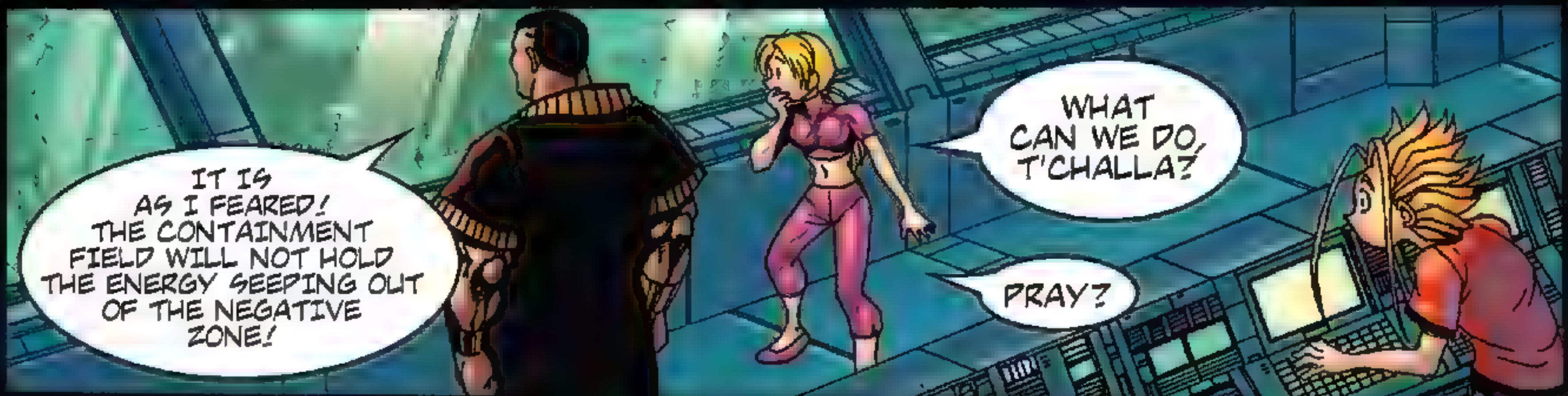
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT BIG GALOOT!

NOW I DON'T HAVE TO SHARE THE COMMISSION!





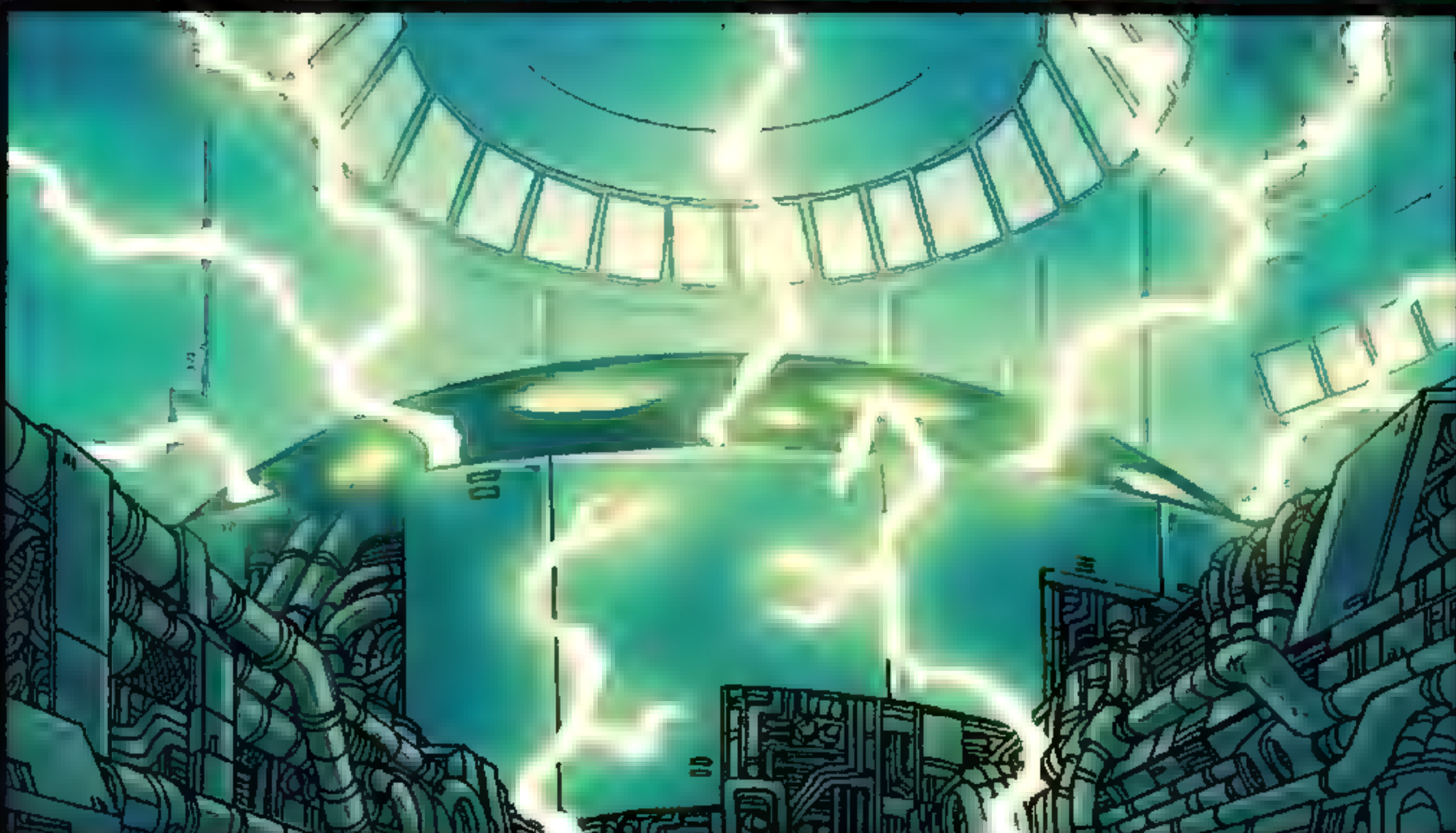
I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THIS IS NOT LOOKING GOOD!



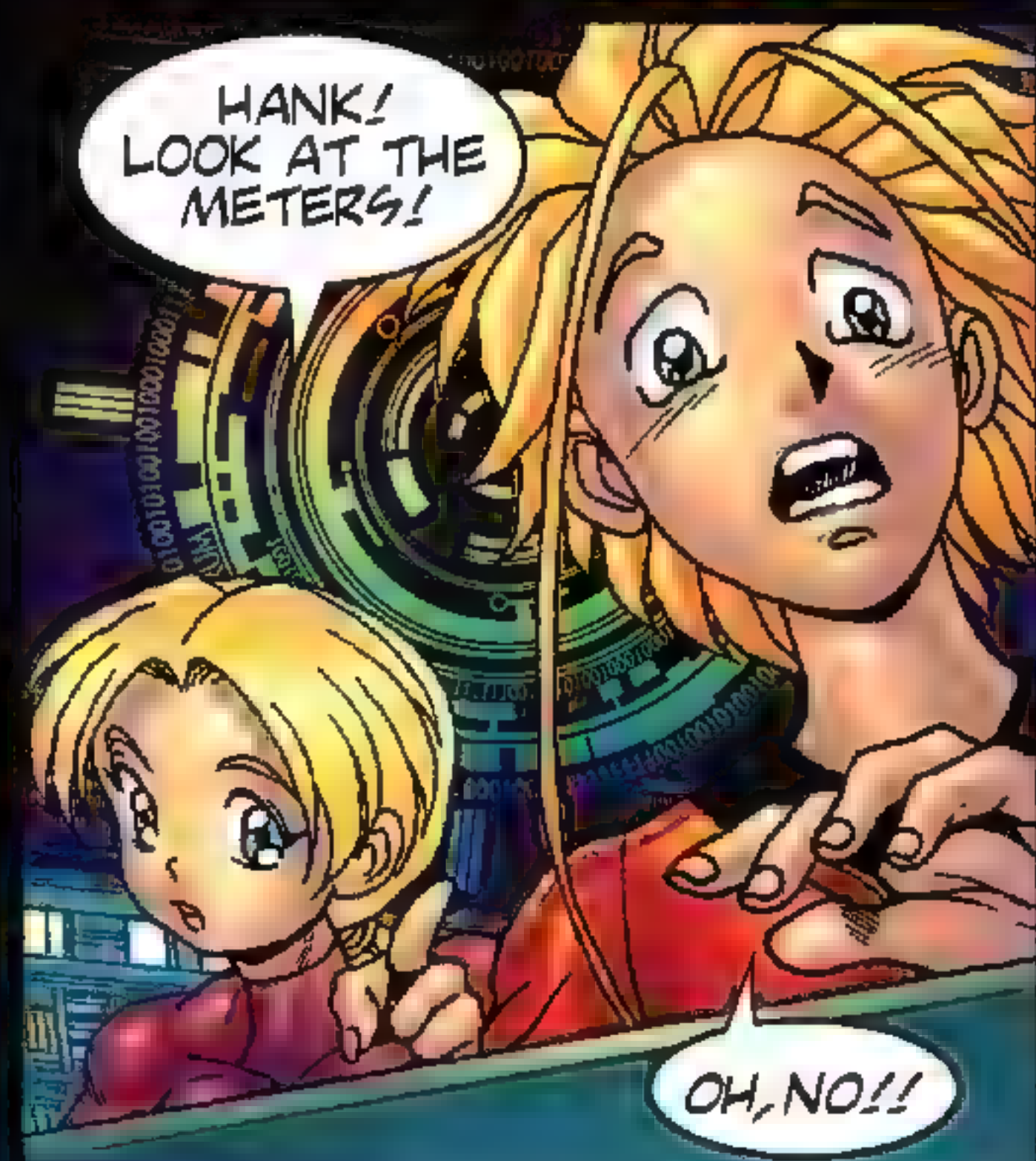
IT IS AS I FEARED! THE CONTAINMENT FIELD WILL NOT HOLD THE ENERGY SEEPING OUT OF THE NEGATIVE ZONE!

WHAT CAN WE DO, T'CHALLA?

PRAY?

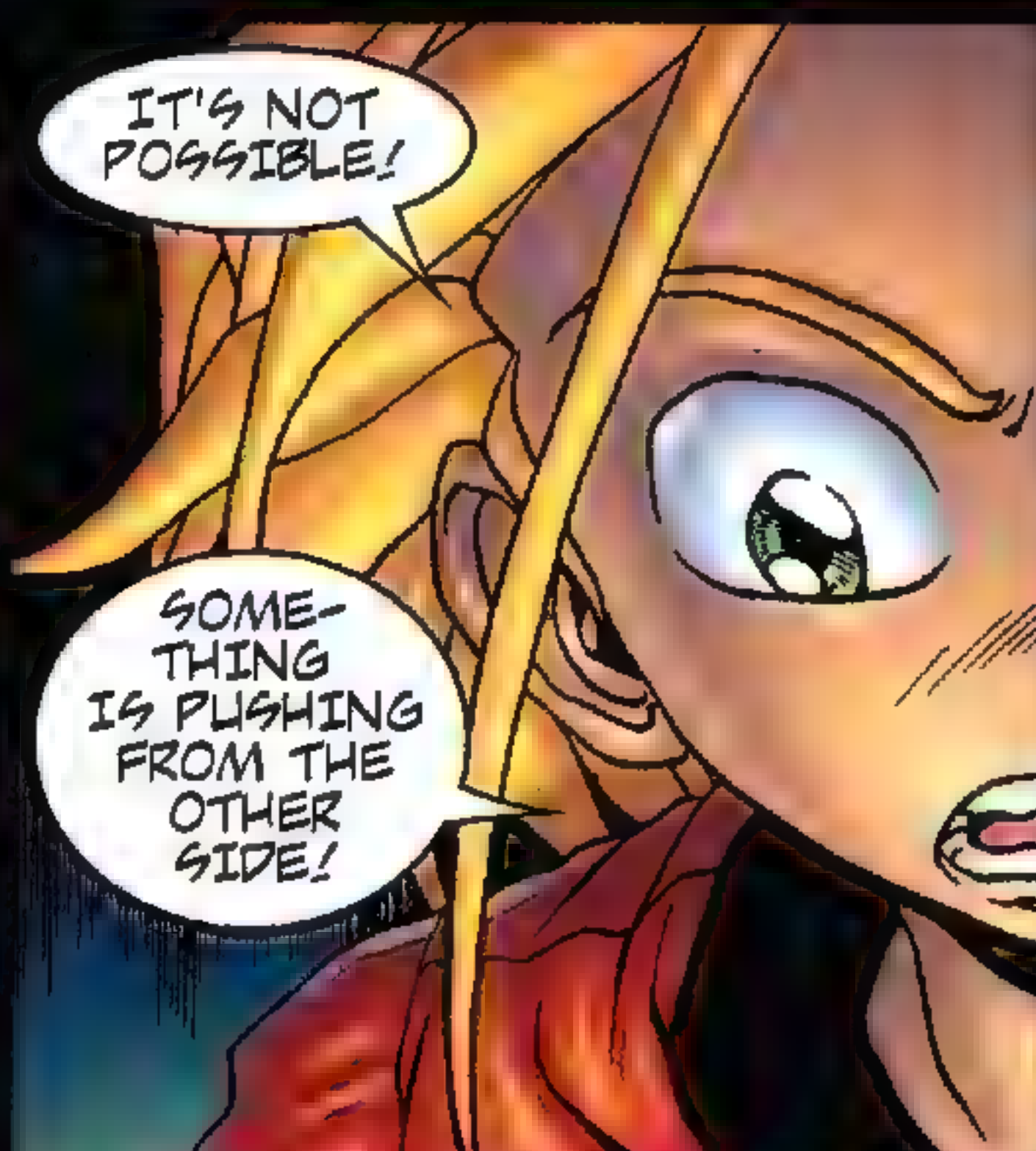


I CAN TRY TO REROUTE THE BUFFERS AND SEAL THE MAIN REACTORS!



HANK! LOOK AT THE METERS!

OH, NO!!

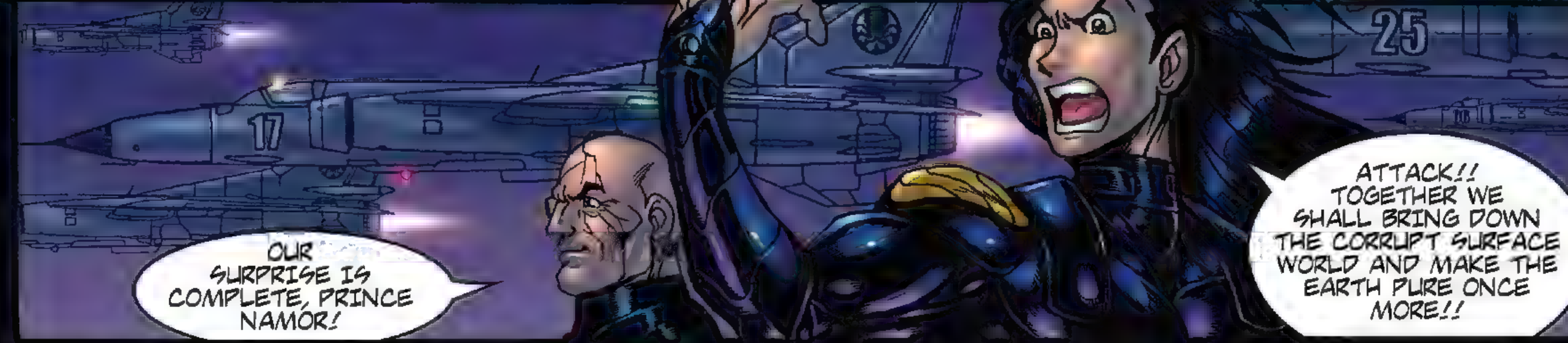


IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

SOME-THING IS PUSHING FROM THE OTHER SIDE!

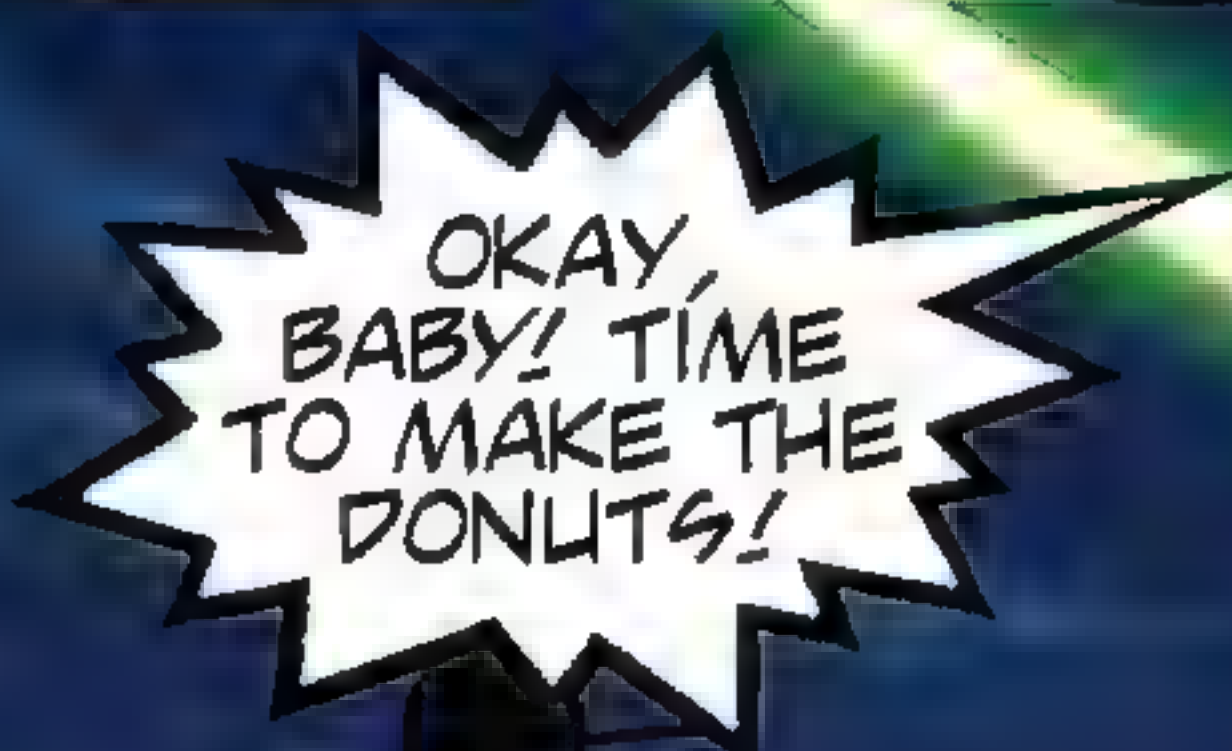
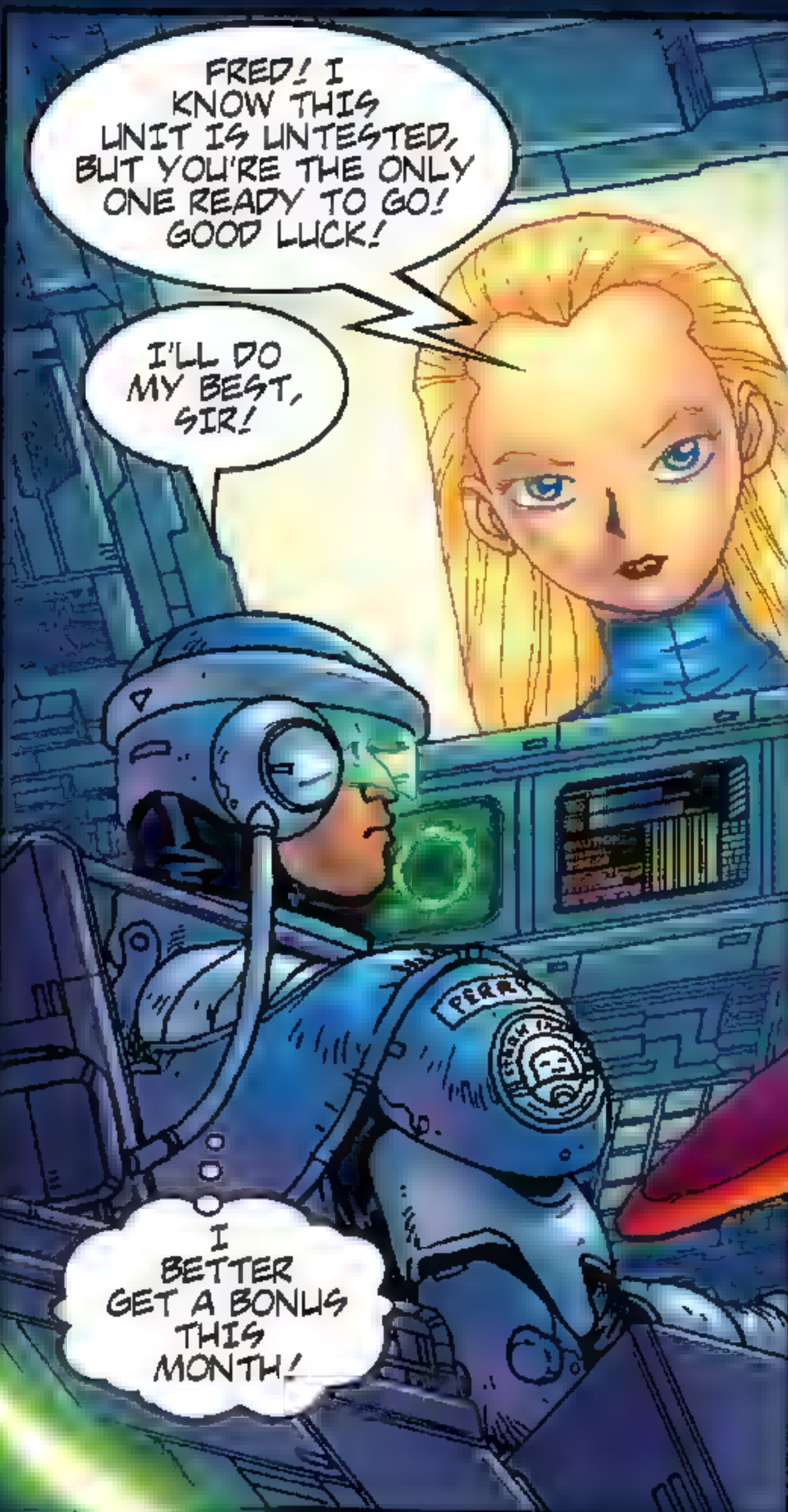
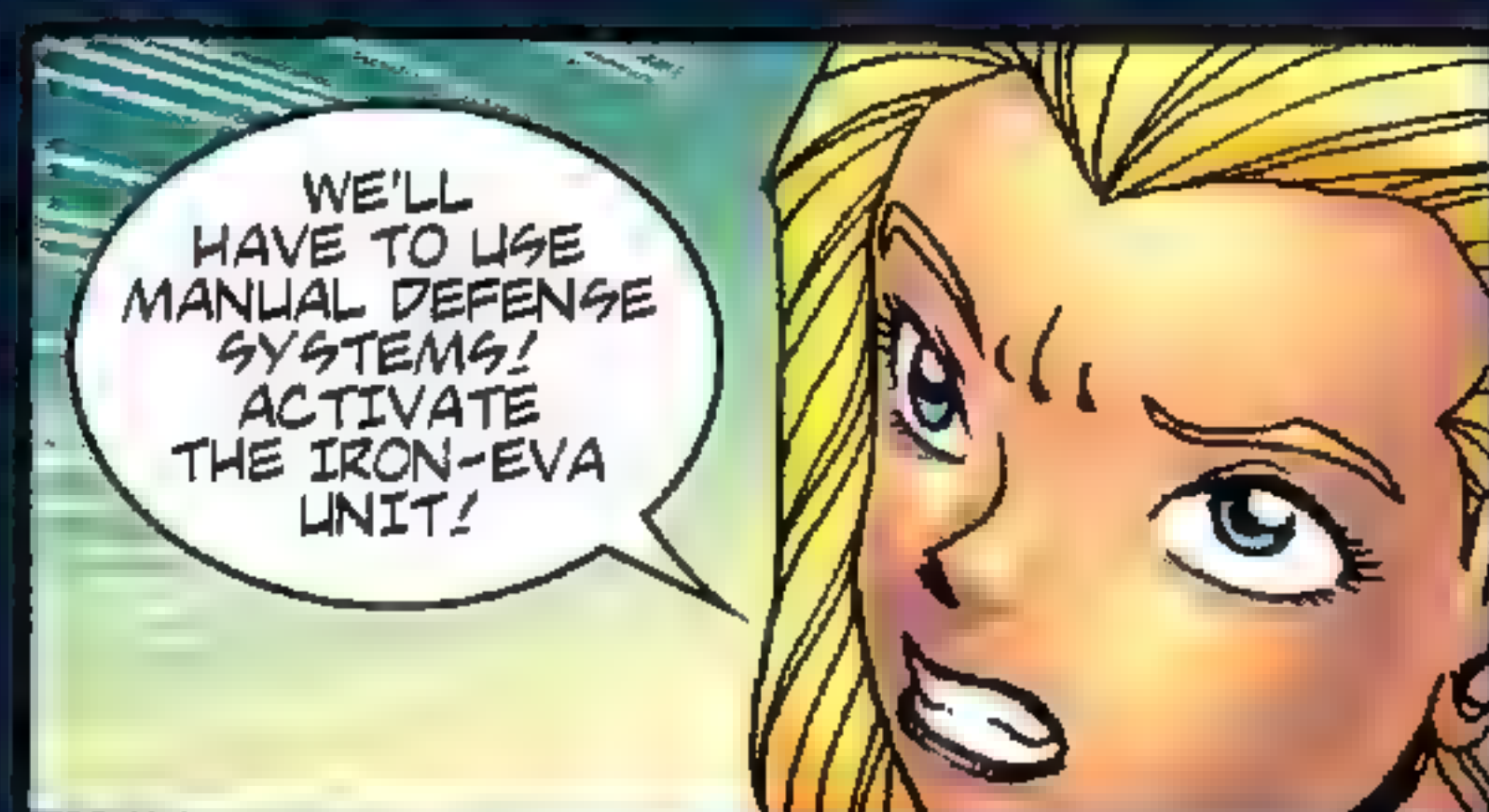
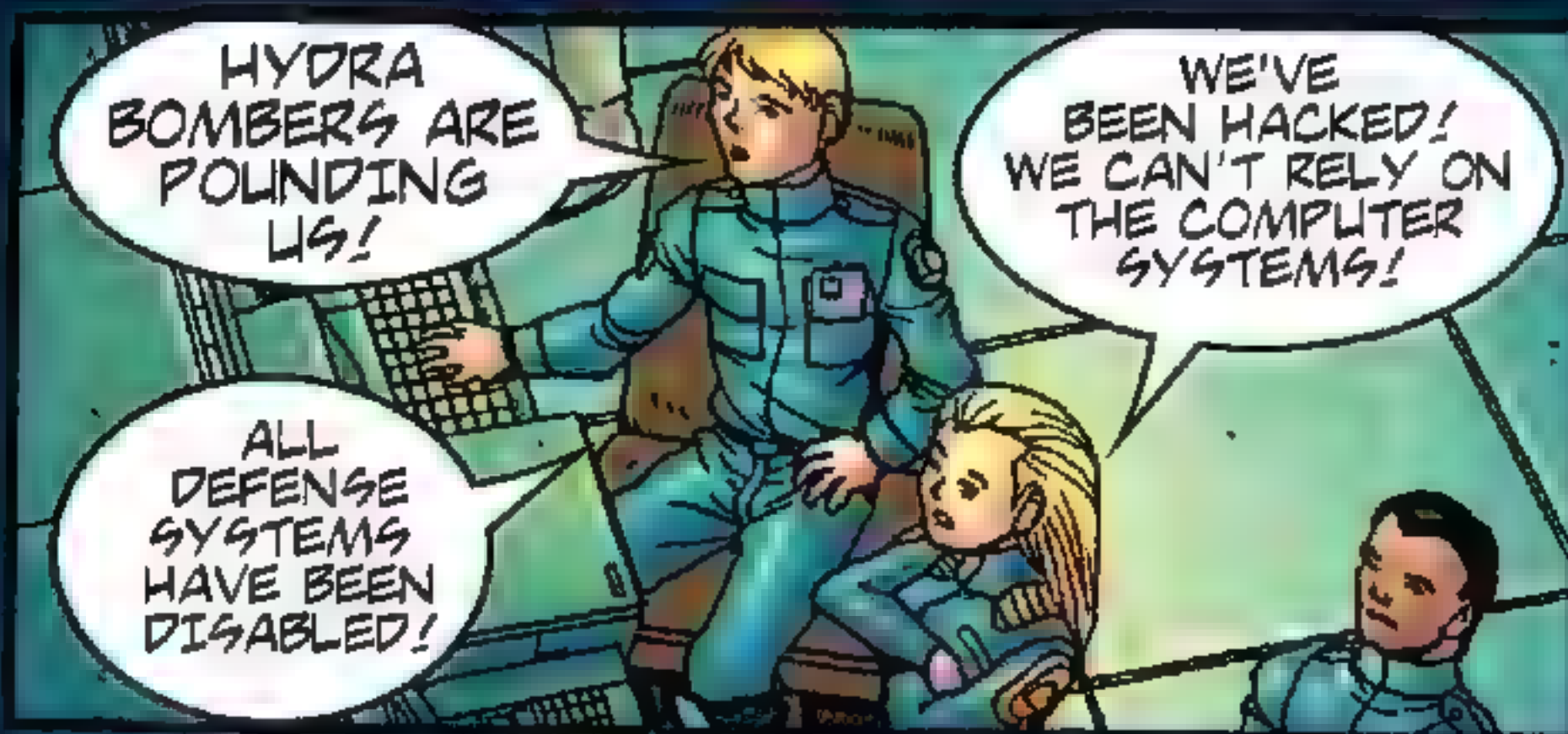


SOMETHING ALIVE!! AND IT'S MAKING THE WHOLE THING GO CRITICAL!



OUR SURPRISE IS COMPLETE, PRINCE NAMOR!

ATTACK!! TOGETHER WE SHALL BRING DOWN THE CORRUPT SURFACE WORLD AND MAKE THE EARTH PURE ONCE MORE!!



RRARRR!



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AVENGERS

ASSEMBLE!

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ONCE THE HEAD OF THE POWERFUL STARK INDUSTRIES GLOBAL CONGLOMERATE, TONY STARK SOUGHT A NEW PURPOSE IN LIFE AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH MALIGNANT SPINAL CANCER.

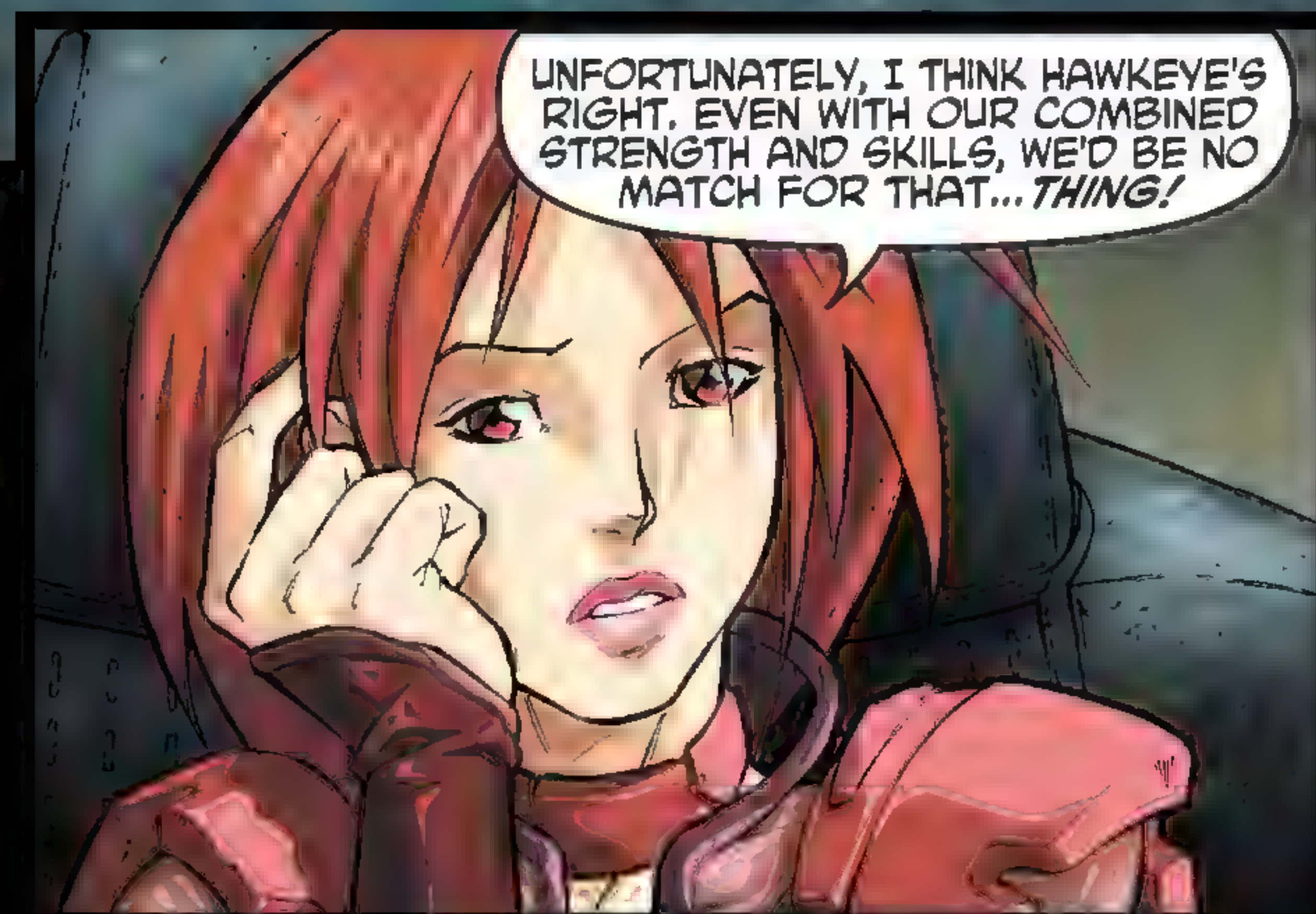
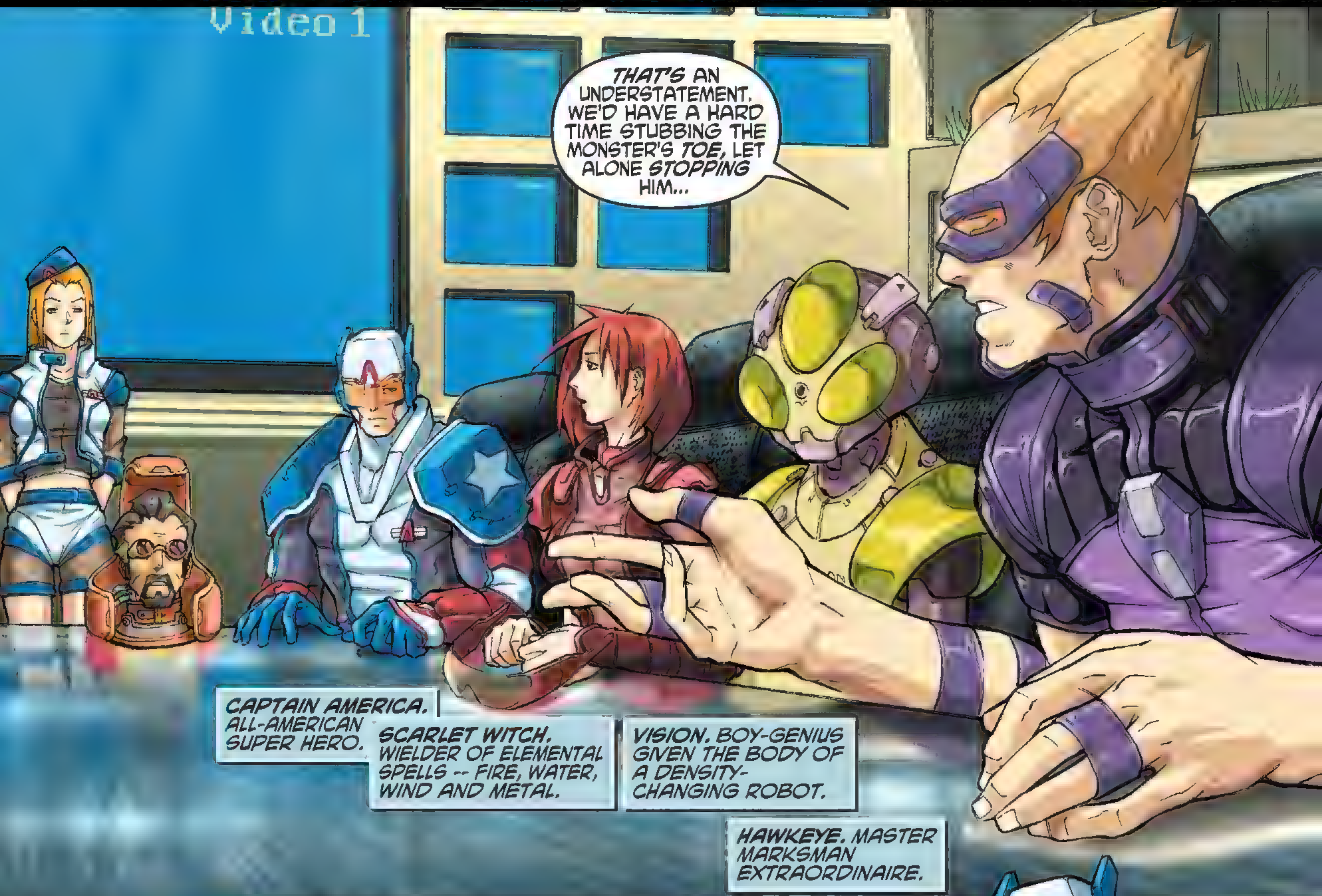


THUS, AFTER MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING FROM THE PUBLIC EYE, HE CHOSE TO USE HIS VAST RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME THE SECRET BENEFACTOR OF THE EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES...

...THE AVENGERS!

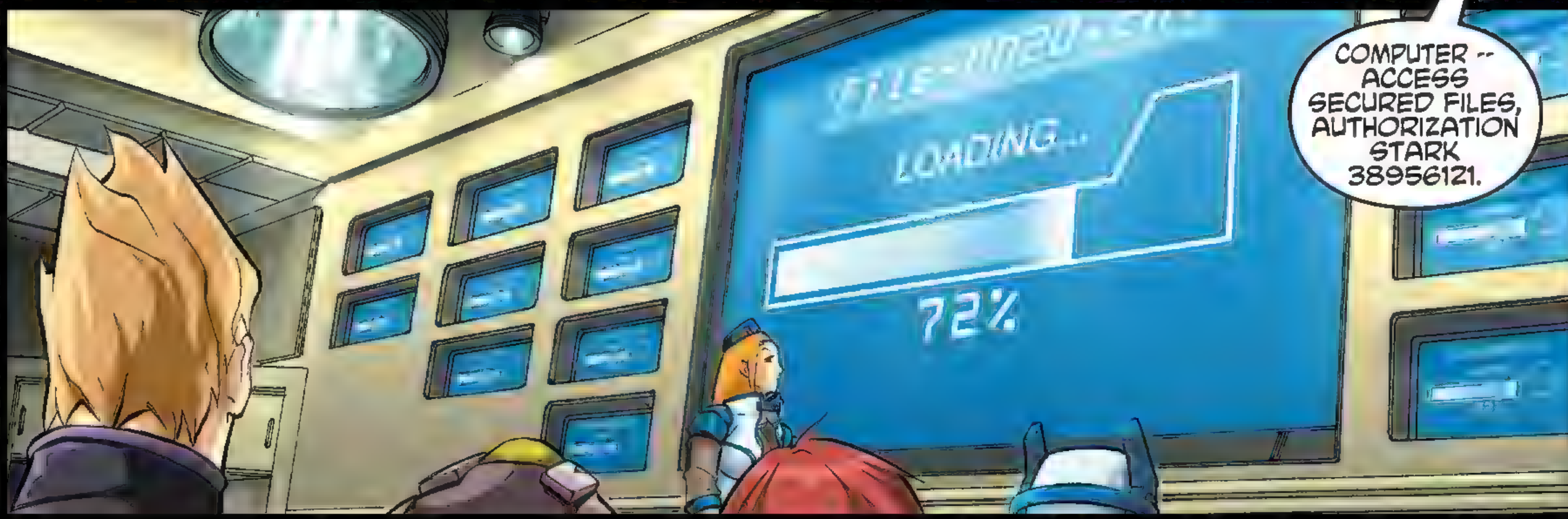


AS YOU CAN SEE, AVENGERS, WE HAVE A RATHER LARGE PROBLEM...





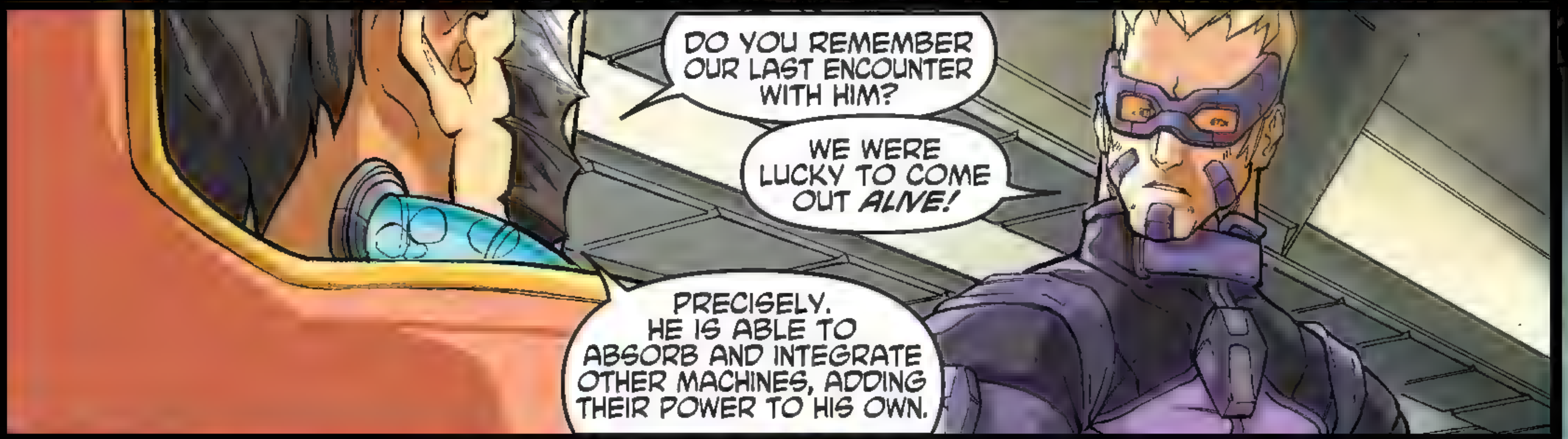
I FORESAW
THIS TIME LONG AGO.
IN OUR EARLY DAYS WE
NEVER ENCOUNTERED AN
ENEMY WE COULD
NOT HANDLE, BUT I KNEW A
THREAT WOULD INEVITABLY
EMERGE THAT WOULD BE
BEYOND OUR ABILITIES. AND
SO, BEFORE CANCER HAD
COMPLETELY STOLEN MY
BODY FROM ME, I
PREPARED.



COMPUTER --
ACCESS
SECURED FILES,
AUTHORIZATION
STARK
38956121.



THE IRON
AVENGERS -- FOUR
MACHINES OF SUCH
UNIMAGINABLE DESTRUCTIVE
POWER, THAT I HAD TO HIDE
THEM FOR ALL THESE
YEARS... EVEN FROM
YOU.



THE UNDERGROUND LAIR OF APOCALYPSE.

HERE ARE THE COORDINATES OF THE IRON AVENGERS -- INSIDE A STORAGE FACILITY HIDDEN IN THE BILLIAN PEAK OF GUILIN, CHINA.

IRON AVENGERS...

ARCHANGEL. RIDES ON CYBERNETICALLY GENERATED WINGS OF PURE ENERGY.

SINISTER. IMMORTAL MASTER OF THE ARCANES.

APOCALYPSE. THE ULTIMATE PURVEYOR OF EVIL AND MALEVOLENCE.

JUGGERNAUT. BEARER OF A SUIT OF ROBOTIC ARMOR THAT MAKES HIM VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE.

WHITE QUEEN. THE MISTRESS OF ILLUSION WHO CAN CONFUSE MINDS WITH HER PSIONIC POWERS.

YOU WERE WISE TO HIDE THEM FROM ME, STARK. UNFORTUNATELY YOUR SENSORS CANNOT DETECT MY PHALANX SPIES.

YOU TRULY WOULD BE A FEARSOME SIGHT TO BEHOLD WITH THOSE MACHINES IN YOUR GRASP, MY LORD.





FINALLY!
I WOULD HAVE
THE MEANS TO
RID THIS WRETCHED
WORLD OF THE
WEAK WHO
POLLUTE IT.

FOR TOO
LONG I HAVE
ALLOWED UNFIT
VERMIN TO DRAIN
THIS PLANET'S
RESOURCES TO
MAINTAIN THEIR
PITIFUL LIVES.



BUT NOW,
WITH THE HELP OF
THE UNSUSPECTING
AVENGERS, THE DAY
WILL FINALLY ARRIVE
WHEN ALL SHALL BE
RIGHTED.



GO FORTH,
MY HORSEMEN.
BRING
ME THE IRON
AVENGERS!

ABOVE THE SKIES
OF GUILIN, CHINA.





I'LL
HAVE TO
GET BACK TO
YOU ON THAT.
WE HAVE
COMPANY.



OH MY
GOD! THEY
ALREADY HAVE
ONE OF THE IRON
AVENGERS!



THAT IS CORRECT, WITCH!
AND AFTER WE DISPOSE
OF YOU, THEY WILL
ALL BELONG TO
APOCALYPSE...



...AND HIS
DREAM WILL
FINALLY BE
REALIZED!



**LOOK
OUT!**





IT'S
HOPELESS,
CAPTAIN
AMERICA.

VAM

VAM

VAM



VZZZM



APOCALYPSE'S
VISION IS DESTINED
TO BE FULFILLED,
DO NOT STAND IN
ITS WAY!

VZZZM



NOT
WHILE THE
AVENGERS
EXIST!



AH! AN
AMATEURISH
ATTEMPT...



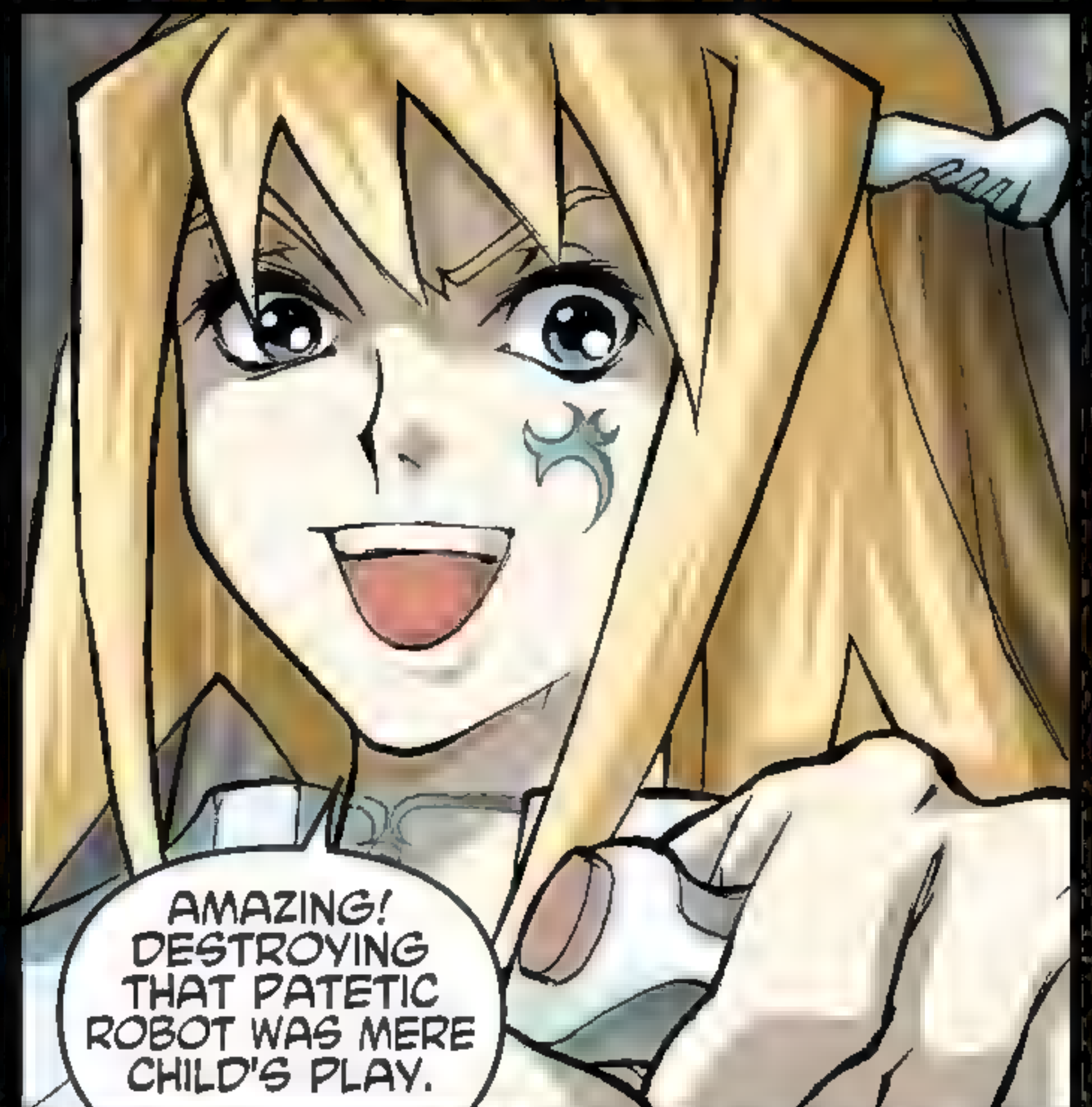
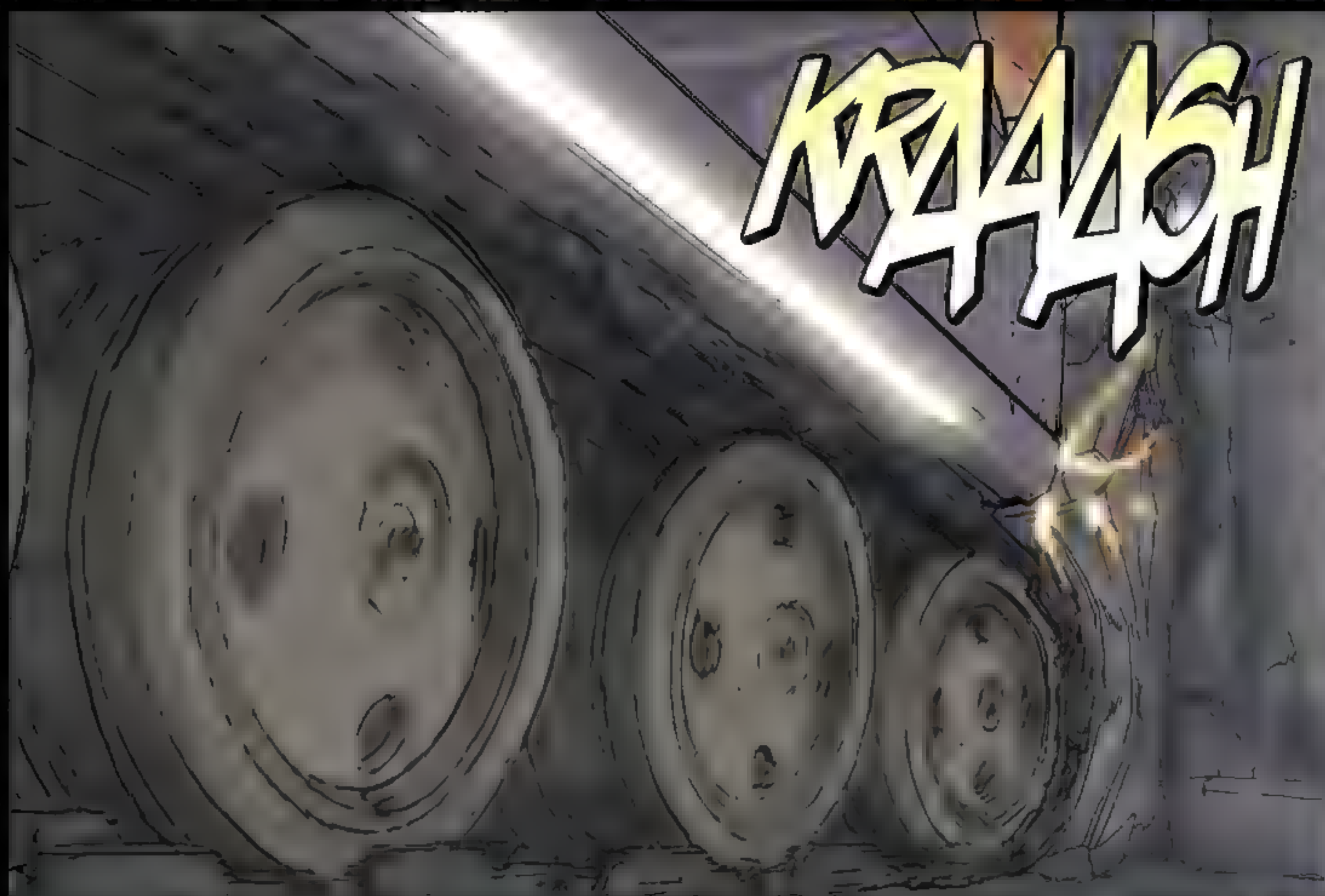
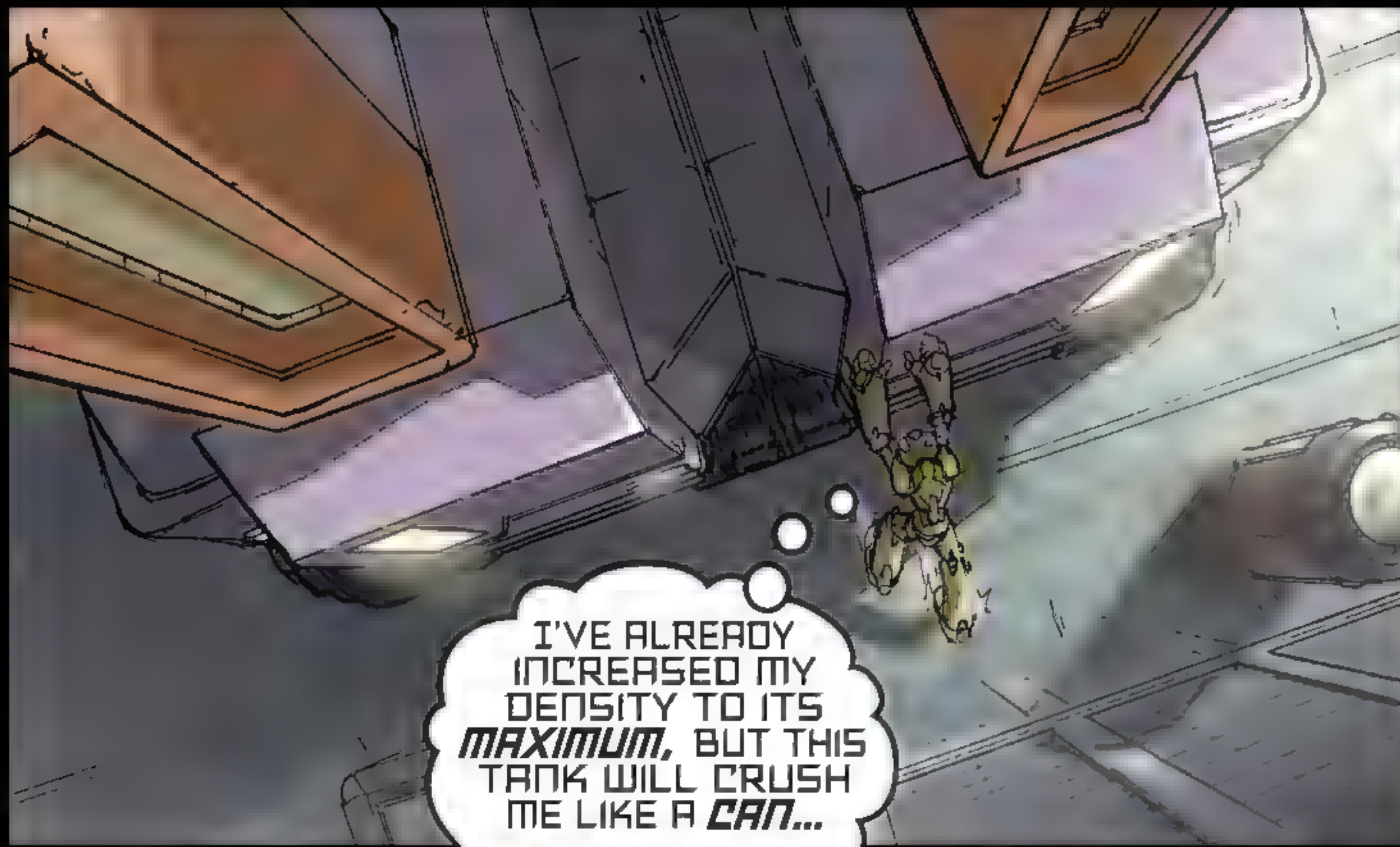
SWOOP



KRACK



FOLLOWED BY
A PROFESSIONAL
FINISH!







APPARENTLY,
THE SCARLET
WITCH BELIEVES
HER PATHETIC
HEXES CAN
HARM ME.



AS
YOU CAN
SEE...



...AT
BEST, SHE
CAN ONLY
GIVE ME A
HAIRCUT.



!

WHOOOMP

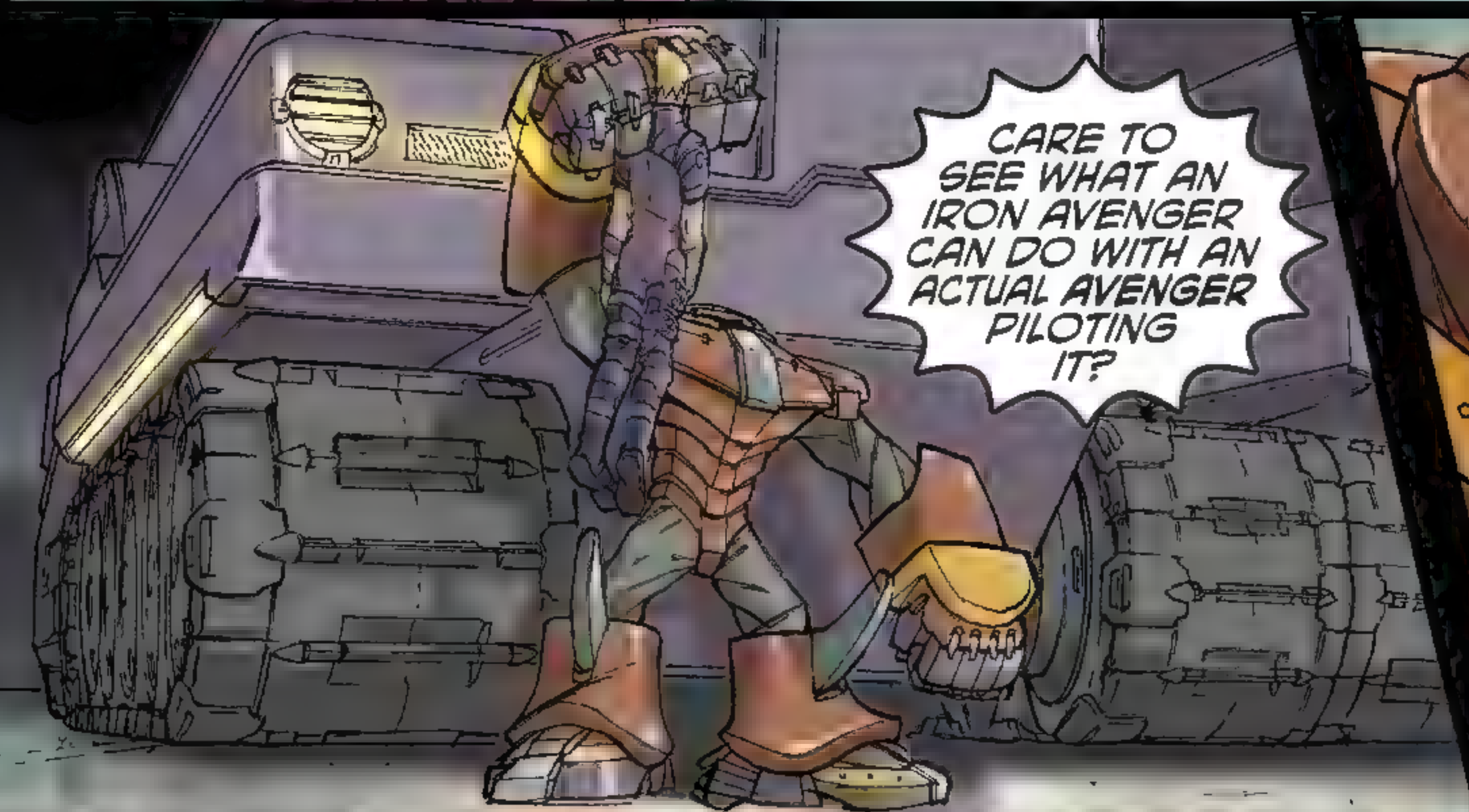
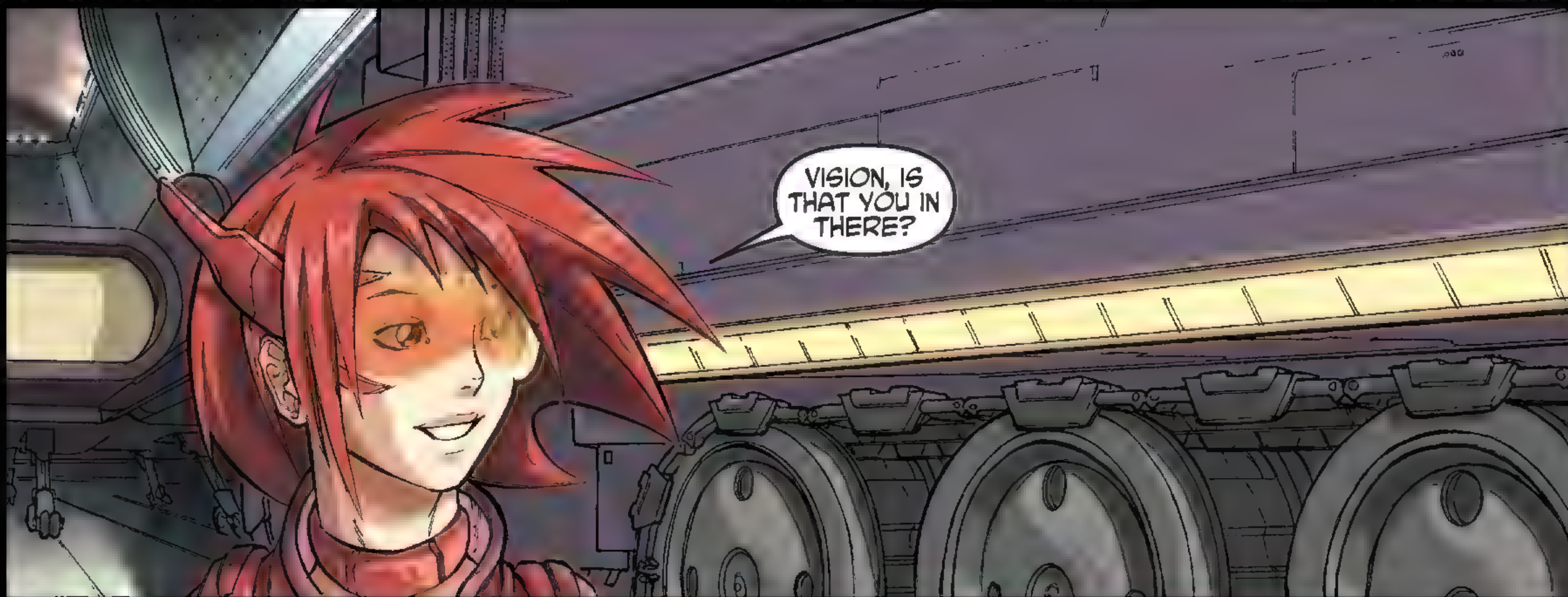


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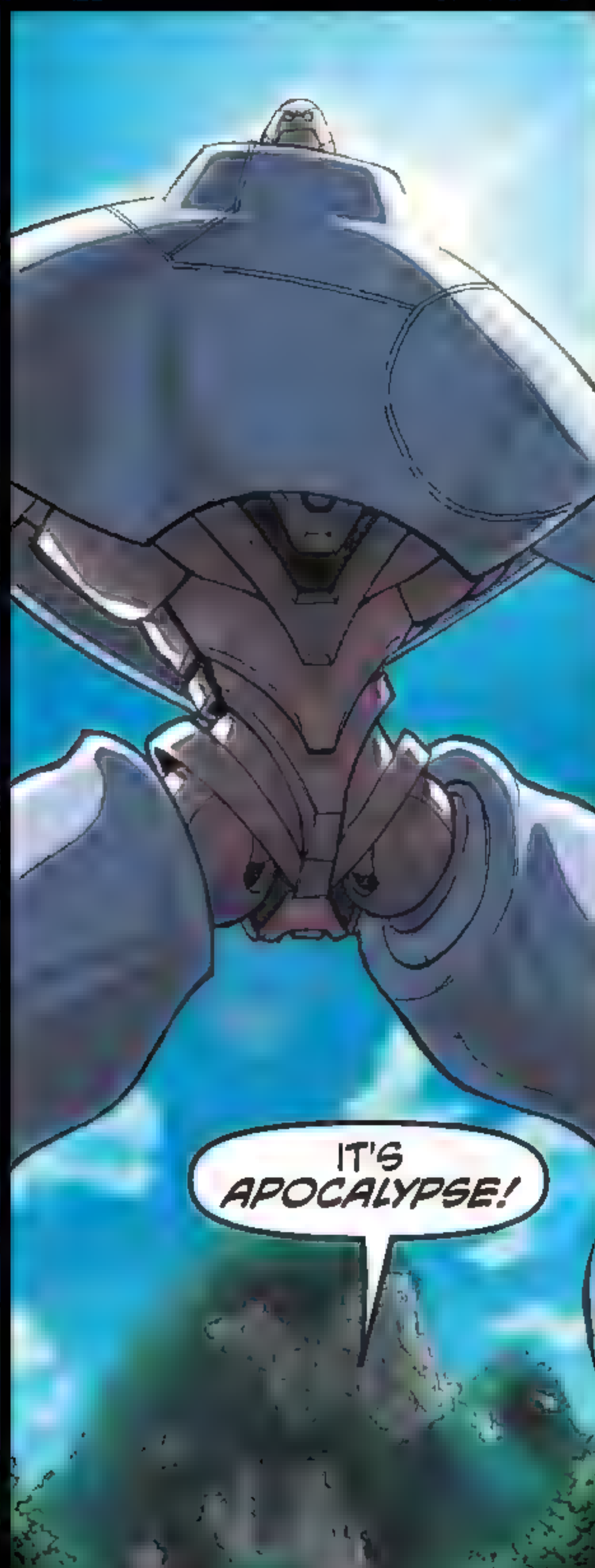
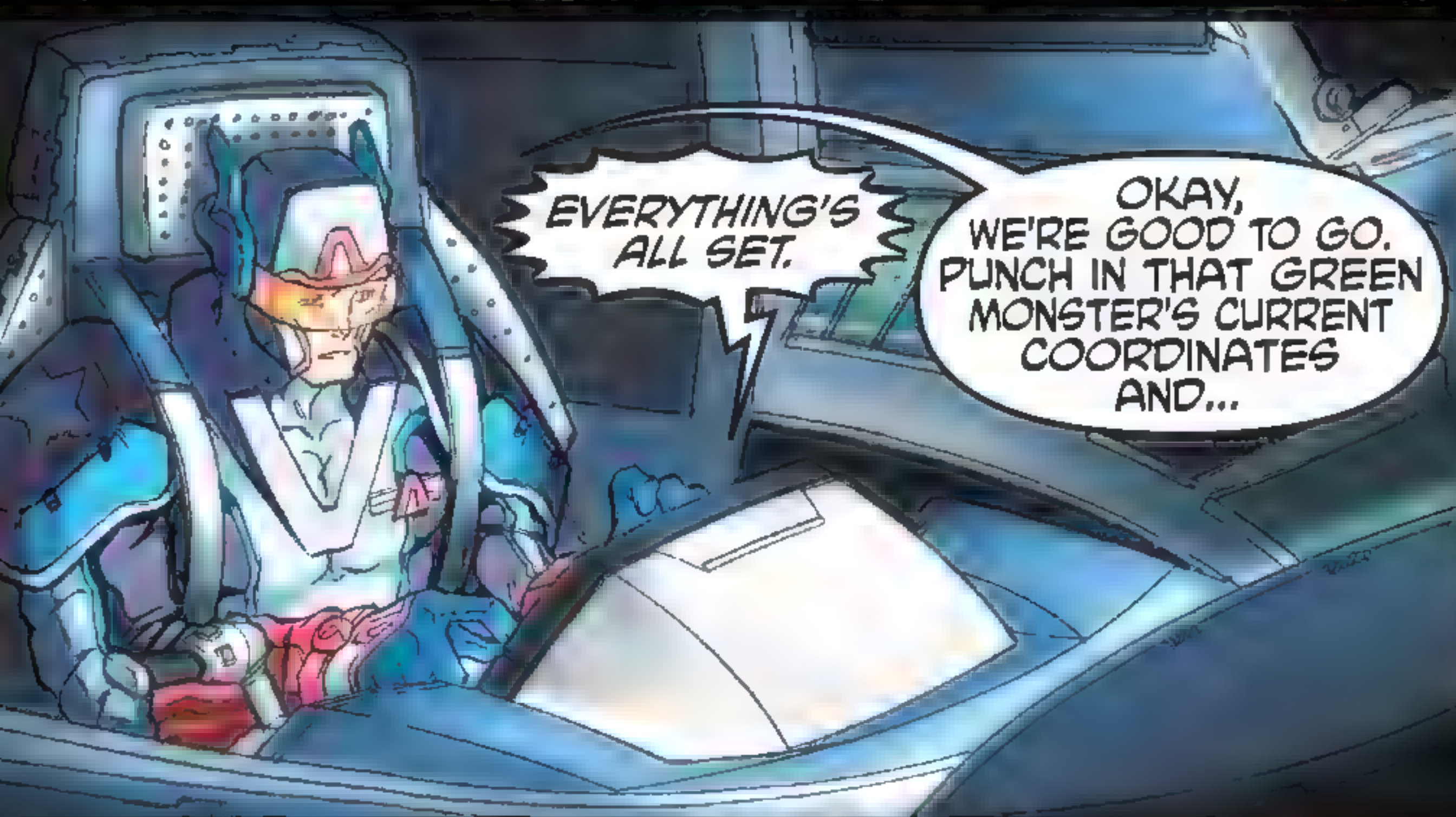
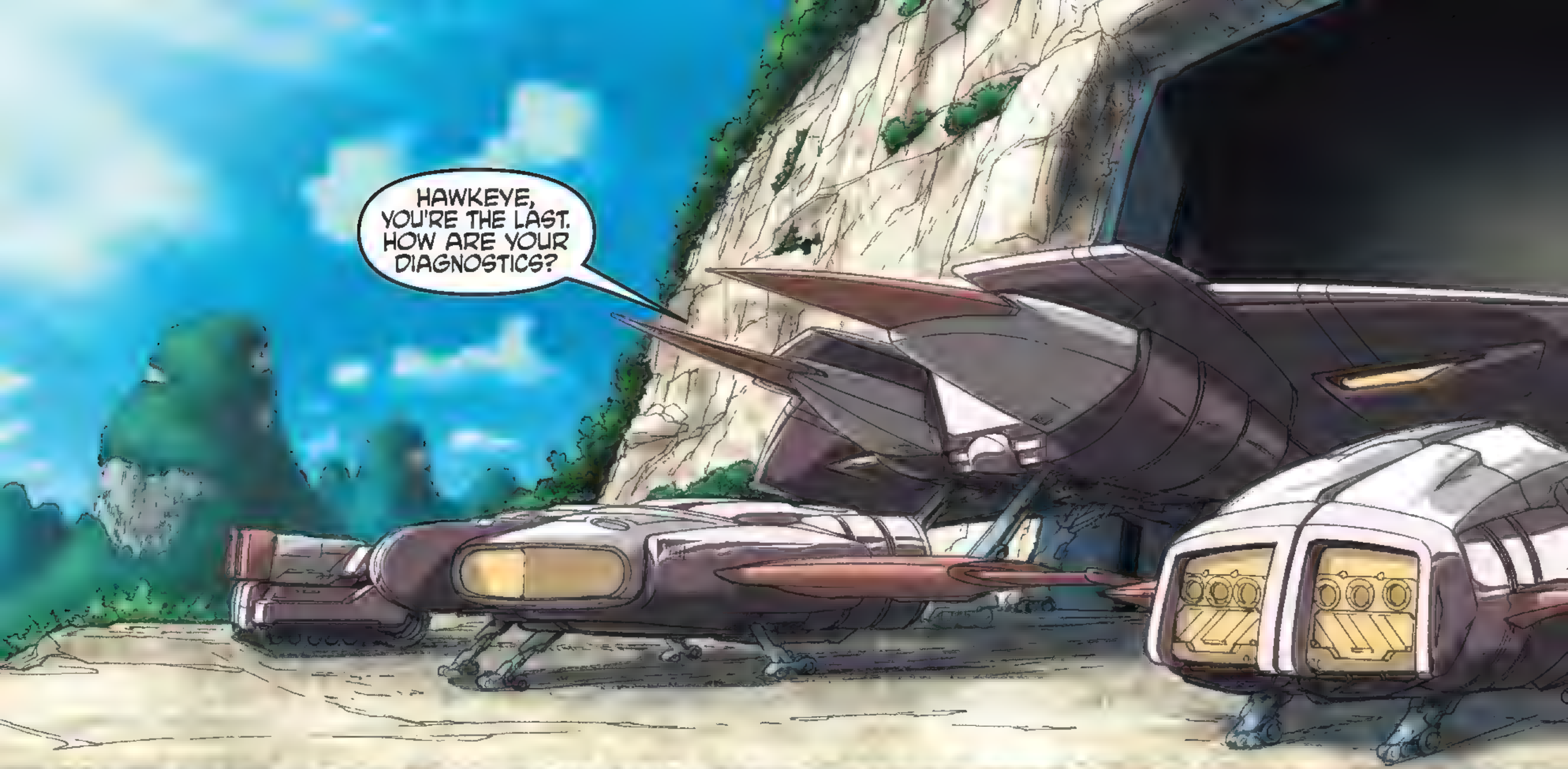


AARRGGHH!

VAZAAAM





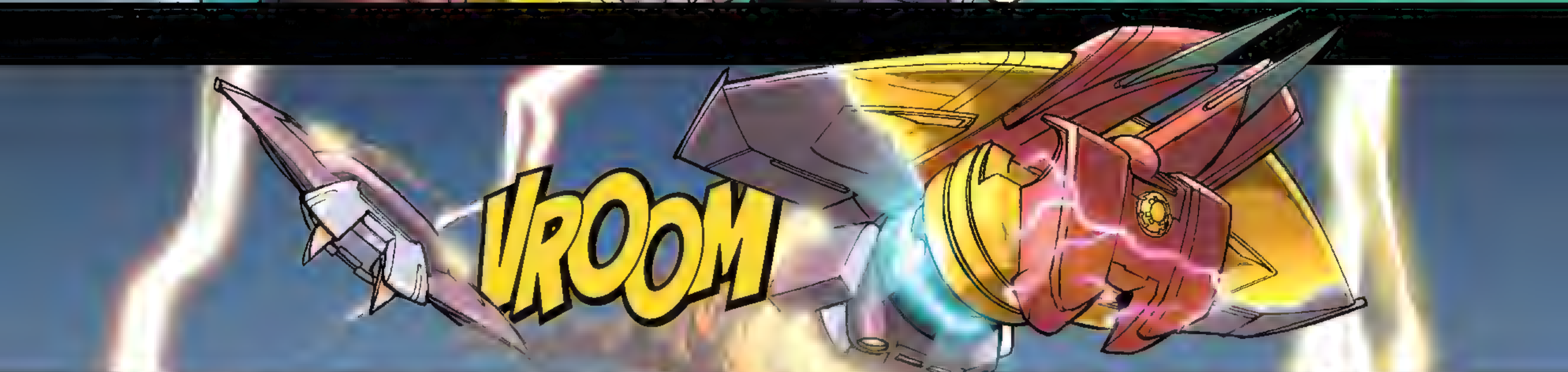








**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



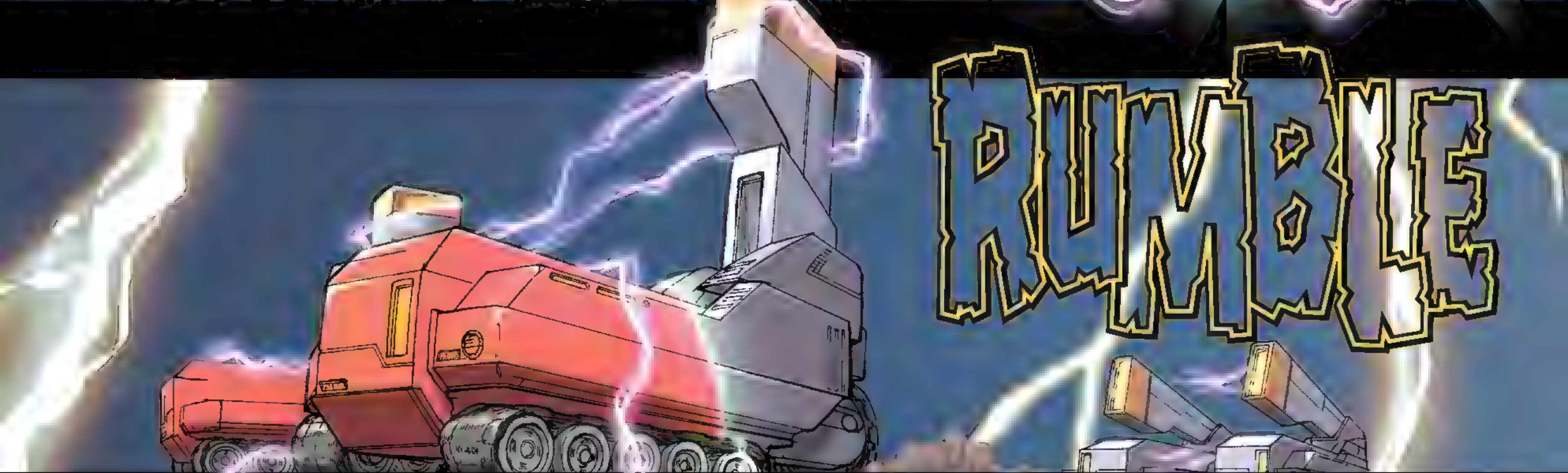
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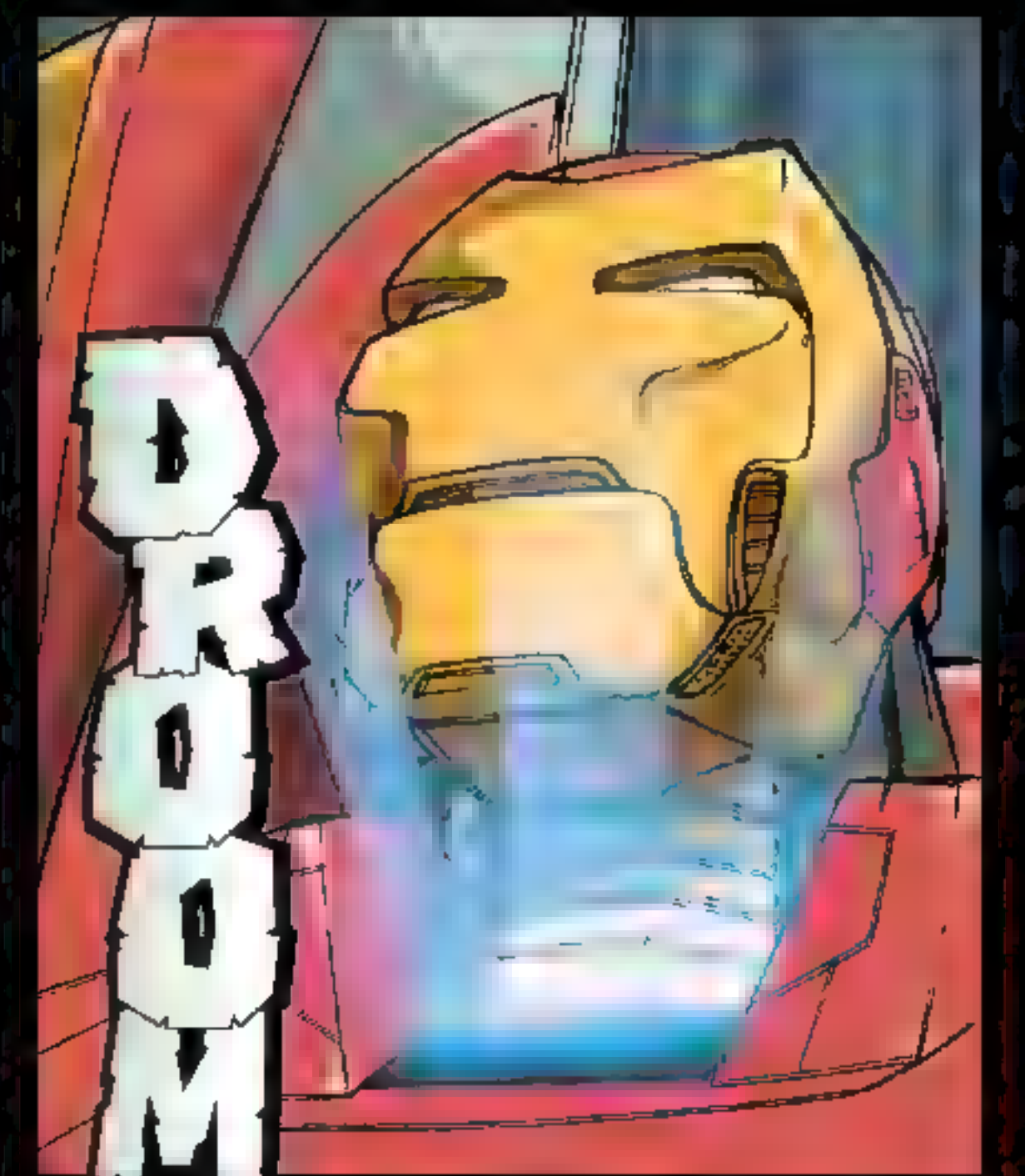
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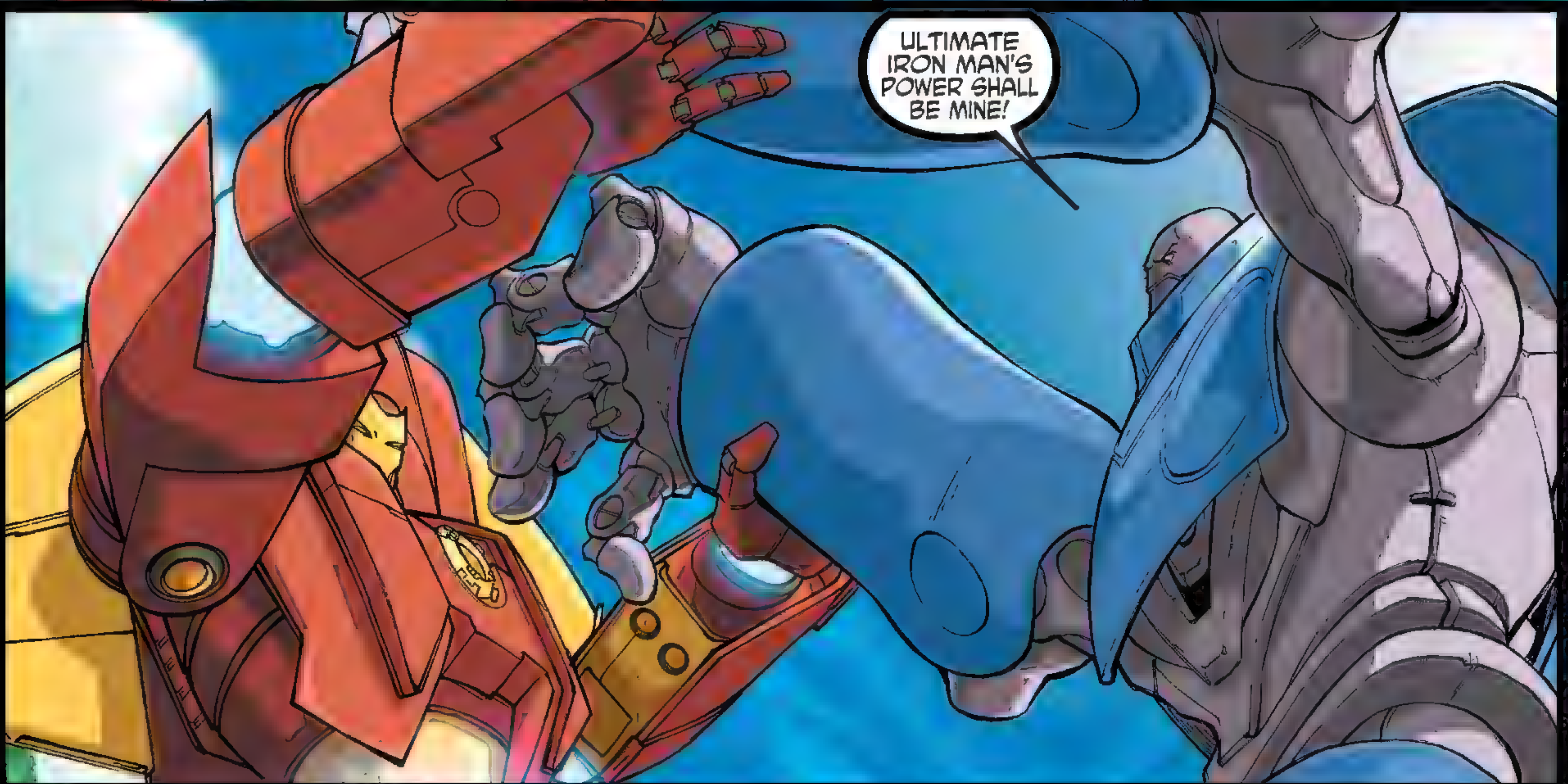


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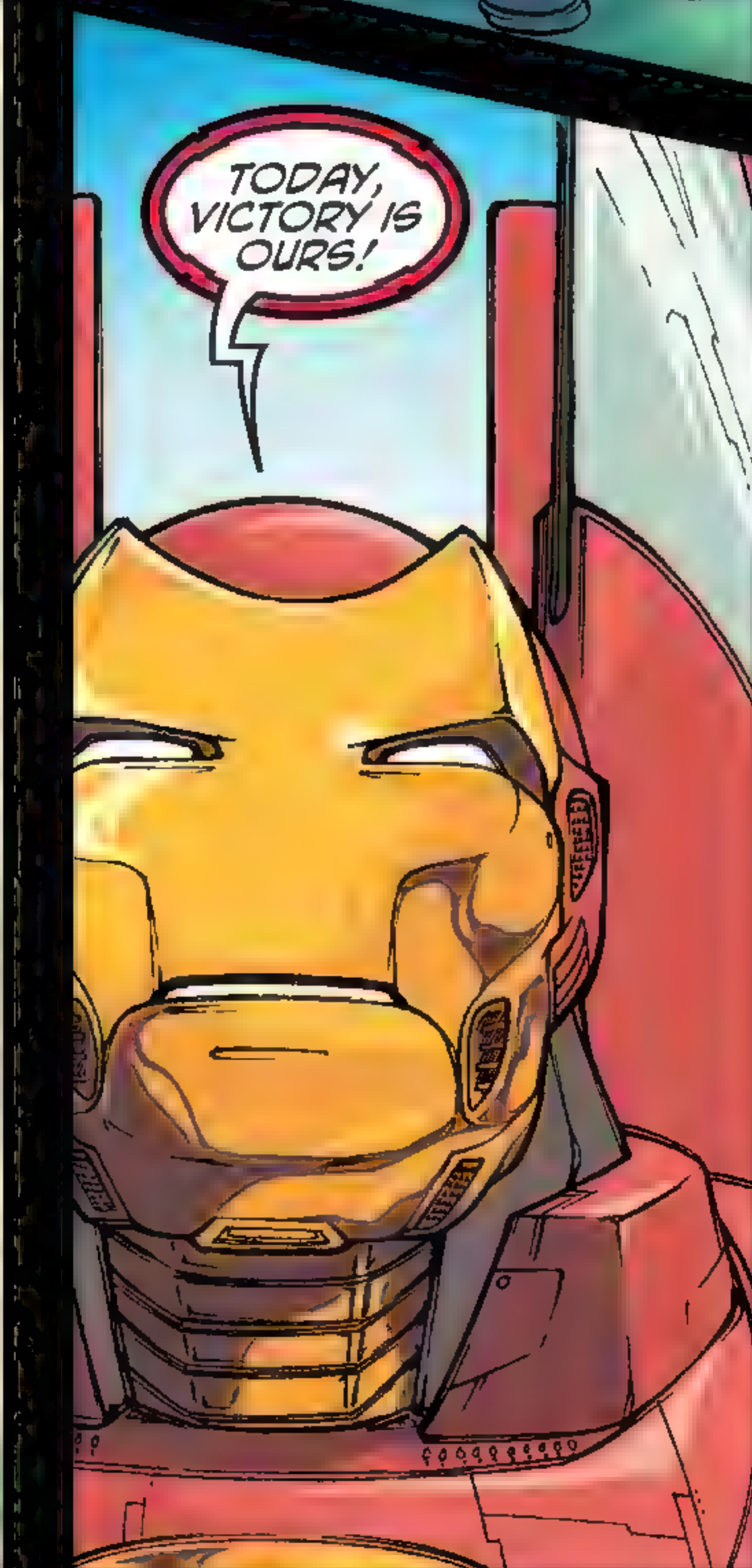
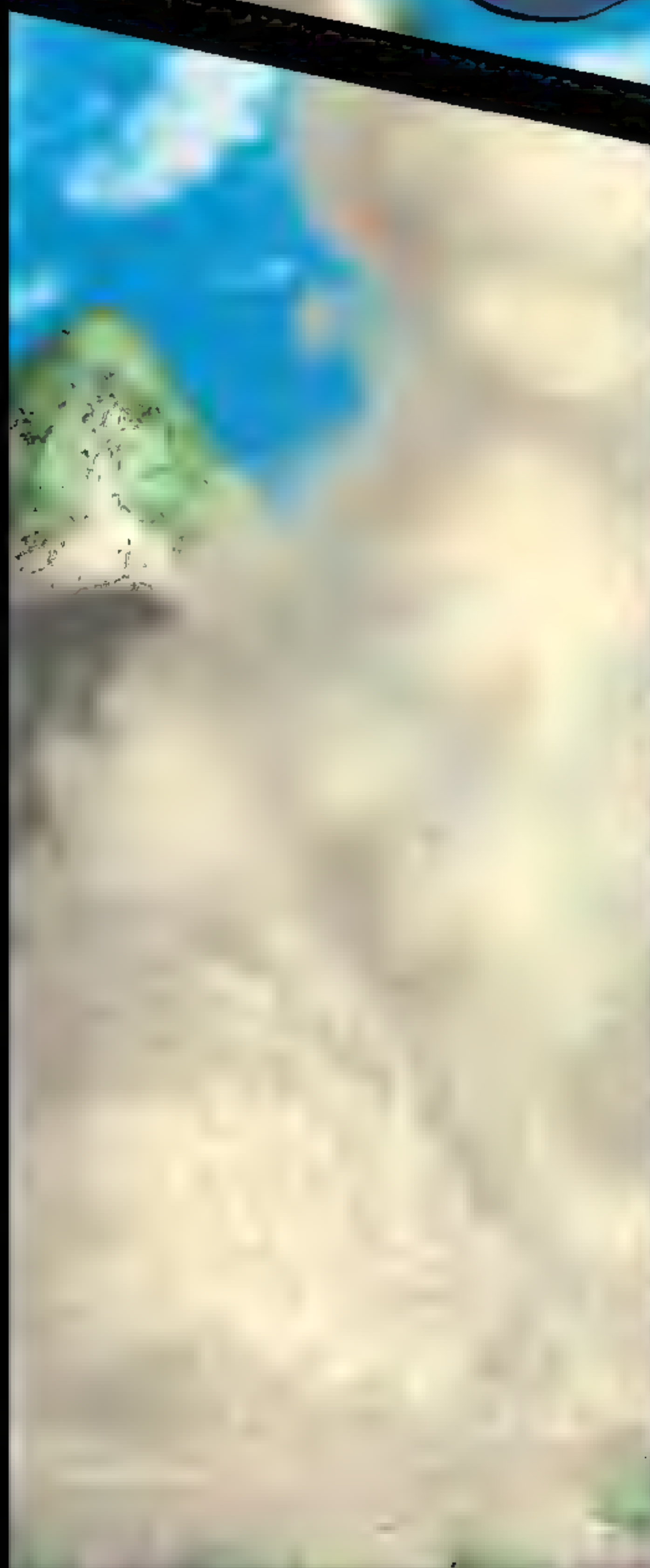
HA HA!
STARK, YOU'VE
FINALLY SHOWN
YOURSELF.

THIS
TRULY IS A
PRIZE WORTH
FIGHTING
FOR!



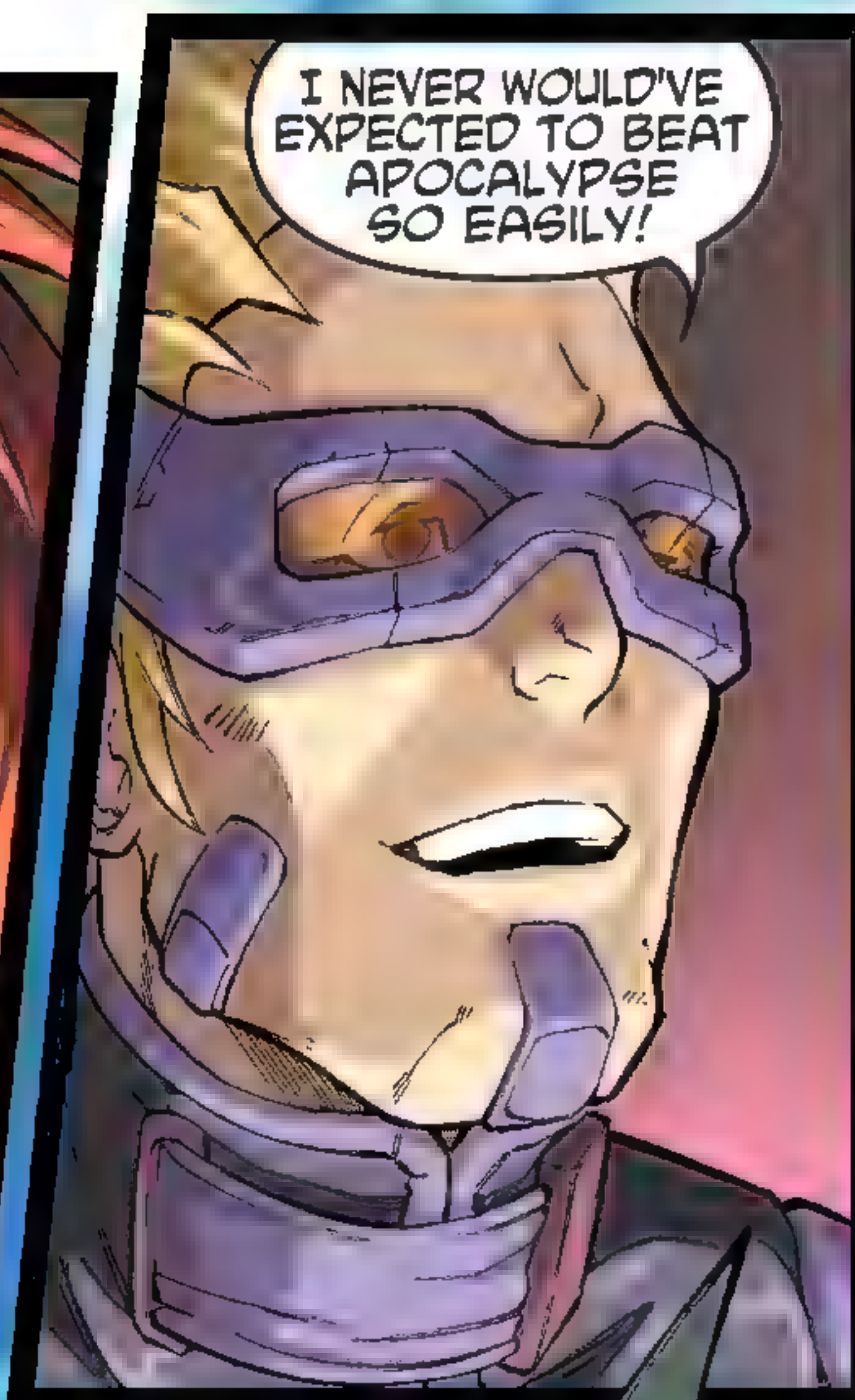
ULTIMATE
IRON MAN'S
POWER SHALL
BE MINE!



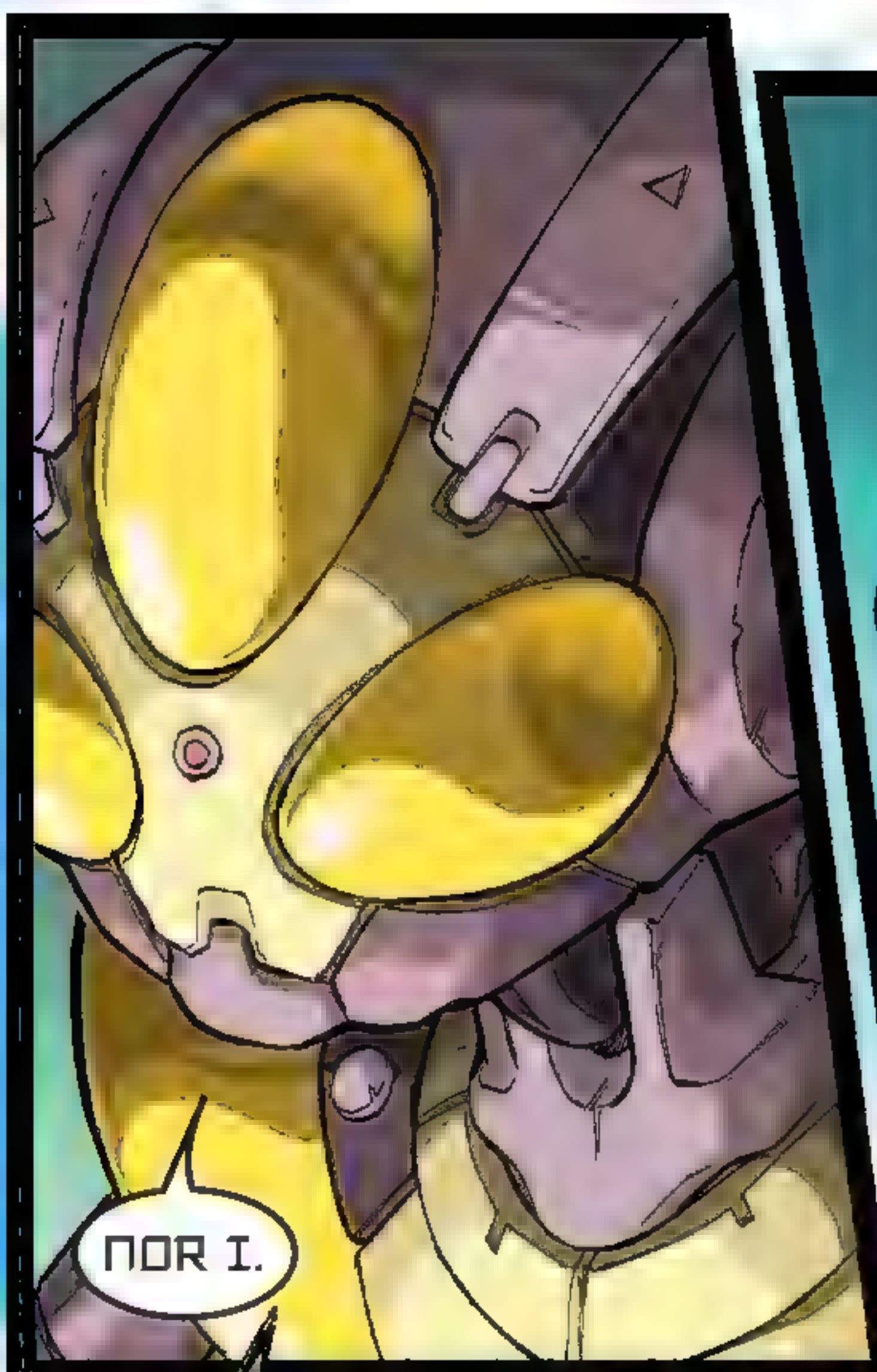




WOW, THIS
MACHINE IS
INCREDIBLE!



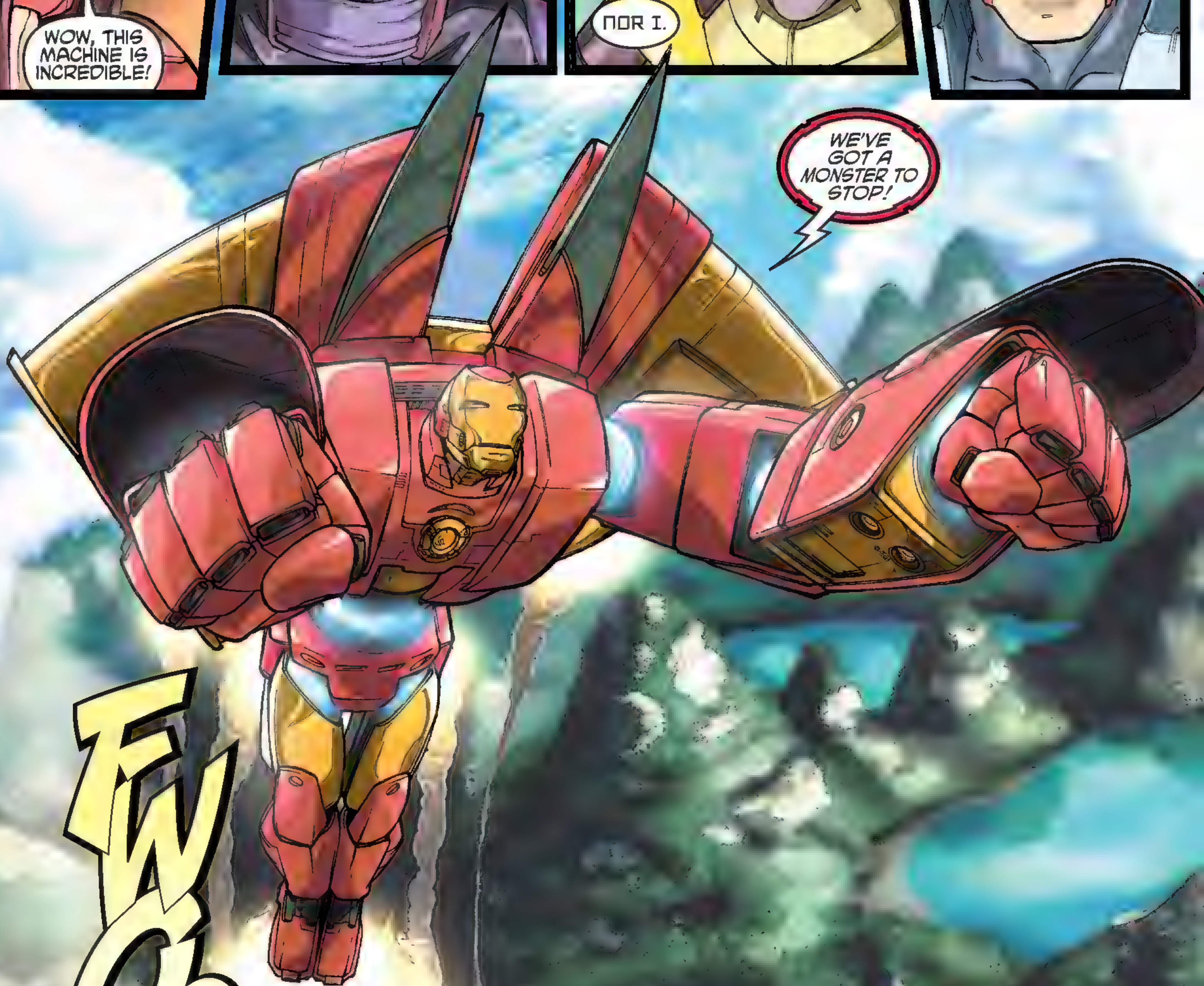
I NEVER WOULD'VE
EXPECTED TO BEAT
APOCALYPSE
SO EASILY!



NOR I.



OKAY AVENGERS,
THIS IS JUST THE
BEGINNING...



WE'VE
GOT A
MONSTER TO
STOP!

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FLASHBACK: ONE
YEAR AGO

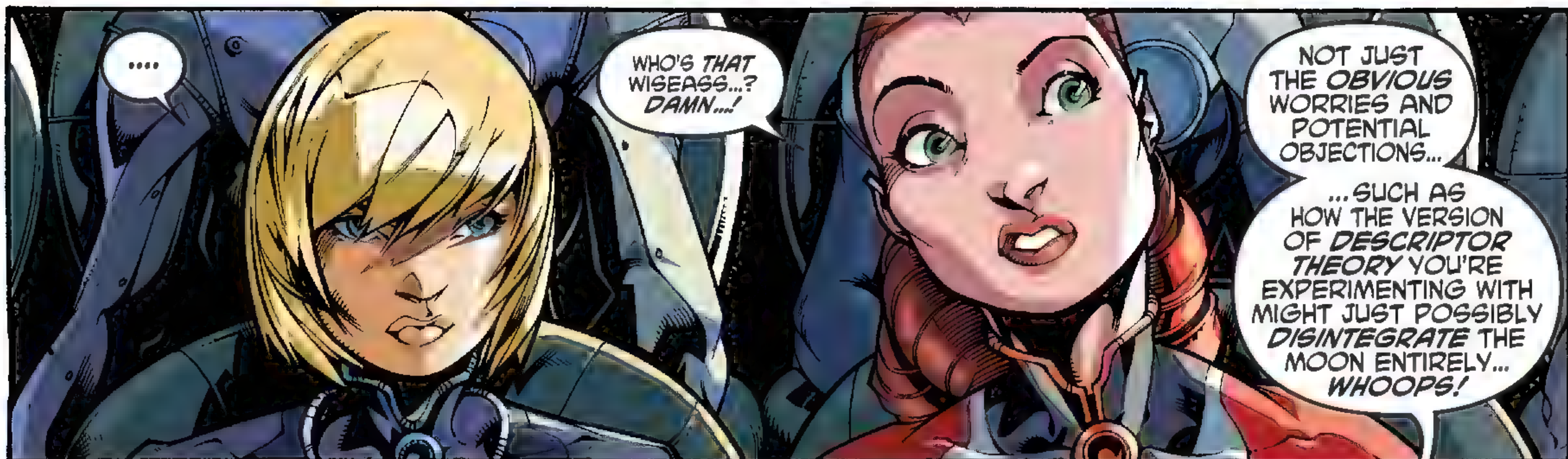
EXPERIMENTAL
FACILITY ALPHA
(LUNAR DARKSIDE,
CRATER KOROLEV)

ON
THE EVE OF
TOMORROW'S
GRAND EXPERIMENT,
OUR ENTIRE STAFF
WISHES TO THANK
YOU, OUR BRAVE AND
STALWART TEST
SUBJECTS...

...FOR YOUR
DETERMINATION, YOUR
COURAGE, AND YOUR
UNQUESTIONING
LOYALTY TO --

HEY, I
HAVE A FEW
QUESTIONS,
YOU KNOW...

...REGARDING
SOME **CONTROVERSIAL**
ISSUES I'VE OVERHEARD
YOUR **SCIENTISTS** ARGUING
ABOUT...!



WHO'S THAT
WISEASS...?
DAMN...!

NOT JUST
THE **OBTVIOUS**
WORRIES AND
POTENTIAL
OBJECTIONS...

...SUCH AS
HOW THE VERSION
OF **DESCRIPTOR**
THEORY YOU'RE
EXPERIMENTING WITH
MIGHT JUST POSSIBLY
DISINTEGRATE THE
MOON ENTIRELY...
WHOOOPS!



J-JEEZ...
DON'T...!

Y-YOU'LL
MAKE THE
PROJECT
DIRECTOR'S
M-MAD...!

NO, I'VE BEEN
HEARING **WORSE**... LIKE
HOW THE ACT OF WRITING
CHEAT CODES INTO THE
FABRIC OF REALITY, LIKE
WE'LL BE ATTEMPTING...

...THIS MIGHT
ATTRACT ATTENTION
FROM ALIEN XENOCULTURES...
OR **EXTRADIMENSIONAL**
XENOCULTURES, EVEN BETTER!



WE MIGHT BE SENDING A
SIGNAL SAYING, "HEY, LOOK,
WE'RE TAMPERING WITH THE
STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE!
BETTER COME AND WIPE US
OUT BEFORE WE REALLY
BECOME A THREAT!"

SO...
WHAT'RE THE
ODDS OF **THAT**
HAPPENING, I
WONDER?

4 THE PRESENT DAY EARTH

SO.

TALK TO ME, PEOPLE. WHAT NEW *ENTRÉE'S* APPEARED ON OUR MENU, TONIGHT?

WE'VE DETECTED A POSSIBLE HOSTILE, SIR.

THE BAXTER BUILDING (EXTERIOR)

THE BOGEY FIRST APPEARED IN LOW ORBIT OVER THE LUNAR DARKSIDE'S *SUPERCRAFTER*...

...THEN IT ACCELERATED INTO A *CISLUNAR* ORBIT, HEADING FOR THE *EARTH*... ENDURING A *FIVE-HUNDRED-GEE* BURN IN THE PROCESS, BY THE WAY.

THE BAXTER BUILDING (INTERIOR)

HUH. *THAT'S* MANLY...
SO I ASSUME THE BOGEY SUCCESSFULLY *BARRELED THROUGH* SPACE COMMAND'S DEFENSE NETWORK, THEN?

YES, SIR. ALL AVAILABLE *LASER SATELLITE* PLATFORMS AND LUNAR-DEBRIS-CLEARANCE *MASS DRIVERS* WERE RETASKED TO INTERCEPT IT...

...BUT THE BOGEY *SHRUGGED OFF* THE NETWORK'S BOMBARDMENT AND ELIMINATED *THIRTY-FOUR* OF SPACE COMMAND'S MAJOR ORBITAL ASSETS...!



AND I ASSUME *FURTHER* THAT THE BOGEY IS HITTING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AT SOME *INSANELY STEEP* ENTRY ANGLE, CORRECT?

FLAUNTING ITS JAWDROPPINGLY UNEARTHLY CAPABILITIES, ETCETERA, ETCETERA?

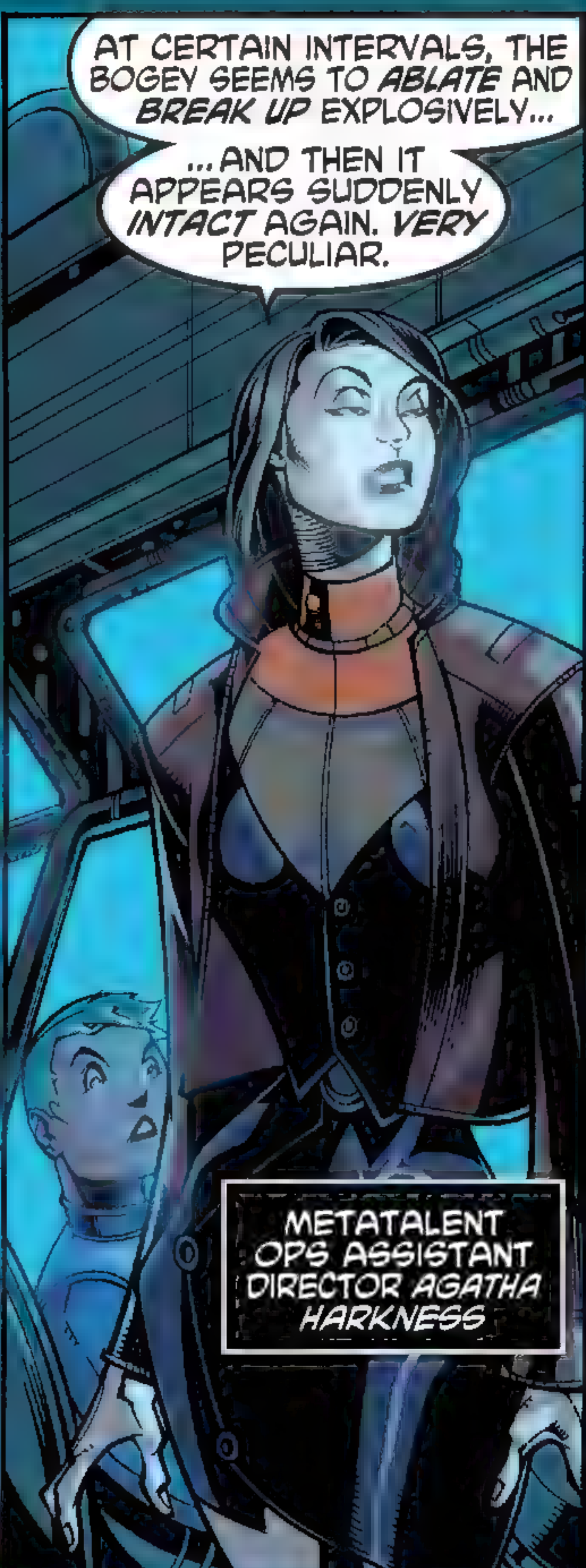
METATALENT OPS ACTING DIRECTOR REED RICHARDS



THAT'S *CORRECT* SIR. THE BOGEY'S ENDURING *STUPENDOUS* ATMOSPHERIC HEATING FROM ITS ENTRY TRAJECTORY.

AND AS WITH THE *OTHER* HOSTILES WE'VE ENCOUNTERED... THIS BOGEY'S VECTORING STRAIGHT IN TOWARDS THE *BAXTER BUILDING*, SIR. TOWARDS *US*.

WE'VE DETECTED *ONE* ANOMALY IN ITS ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY, THOUGH...



AT CERTAIN INTERVALS, THE BOGEY SEEMS TO *ABLATE* AND *BREAK UP* EXPLOSIVELY...

...AND THEN IT APPEARS SUDDENLY *INTACT* AGAIN. *VERY PECULIAR*.

METATALENT OPS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AGATHA HARKNESS



SIR! THE BOGEY'S *AEREOBREAKING* HAS DROPPED ITS AIRSPEED TO THE POINT THAT ITS FRICTION *HEAT SHROUD* IS DISSIPATING...

...SO WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER LOOK AT IT, NOW...!

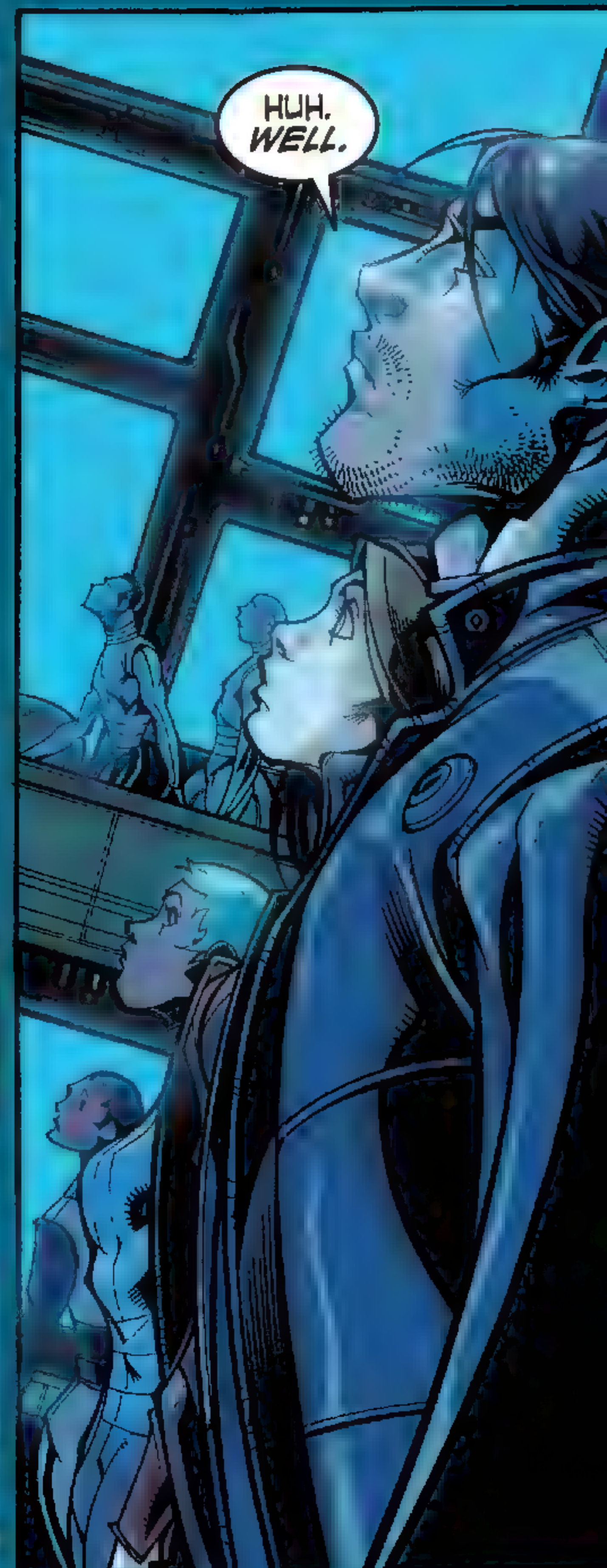
METATALENT OPS TECHNICIAN ALICIA MASTERS



AH...!

WE'RE GETTING AN *EXCELLENT* VIDEO FEED FROM SOME UPPER-ATMOSPHERE *RECON DRONES*, SIR...

...TRANSFERRING THE FEED TO OUR *MAIN SCREEN*...



HUH. WELL.



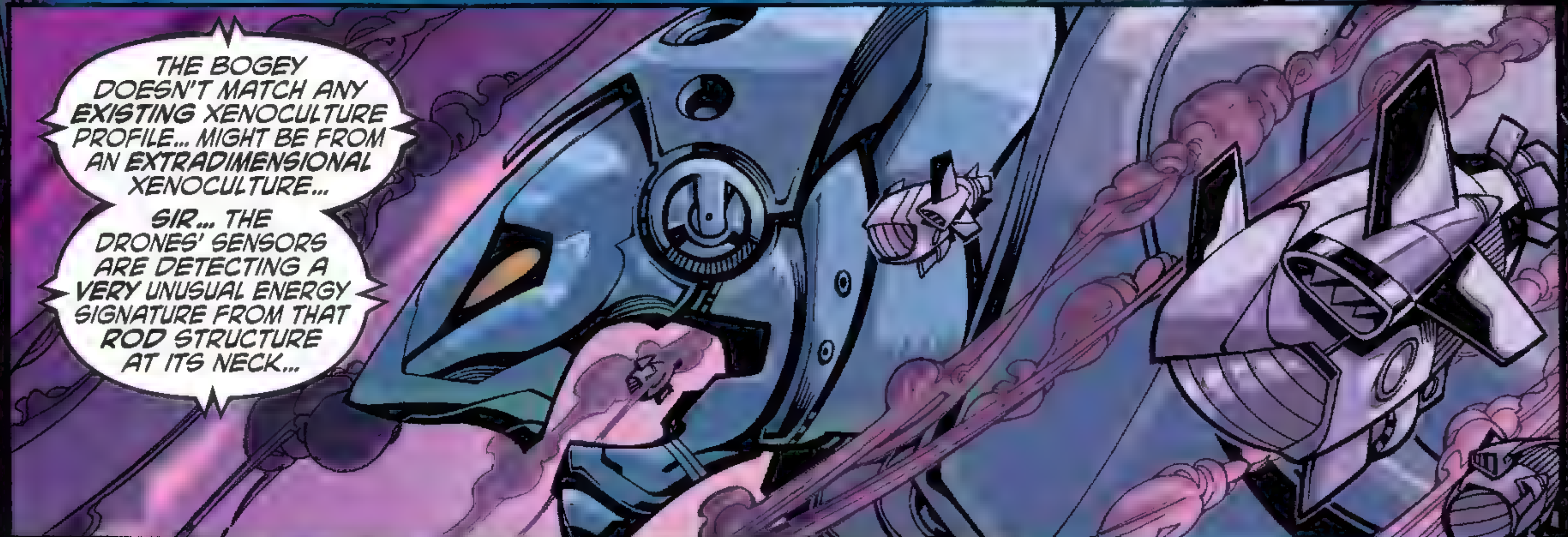
VIEW FROM RECONNAISSANCE DRONE RS096

COLORFUL
FELLA, ISN'T
HE...?

SO WHAT
RANDOM CODE-NAME
DESIGNATION HAVE
OUR INSCRUTABLE
MACHINE INTELLIGENCES
ASSIGNED THIS
BOGEY...?

UM...
IT'S BEEN
DESIGNATED AS
"ANNIHILUS,"
SIR.

HMM.
JAZZY.



THE BOGEY
DOESN'T MATCH ANY
EXISTING XENOCULTURE
PROFILE... MIGHT BE FROM
AN EXTRADIMENSIONAL
XENOCULTURE...

SIR... THE
DRONES' SENSORS
ARE DETECTING A
VERY UNUSUAL ENERGY
SIGNATURE FROM THAT
ROD STRUCTURE
AT ITS NECK...



ENERGY
DENSITY
RAMPING UP,
SUDDENLY --

-- DETECTING
GAMMA-RAY
FLARE --
SKRKK!

HUH. WE
HAVE MET THE
ENEMY, AND HE
IS ONE RAKISH-
LOOKING
BADASS.

TIME TO
ROLL OUT THE
MEGA-SCALE
RED CARPET FOR
HIM, FOLKS.

ARE OUR
METATALENT
ASSETS READY FOR
DEPLOYMENT?

SORTIE POINT GAMMA
(@ 43RD & BROADWAY)

SORTIE POINT DELTA
(@ 22ND & MARKET)

SORTIE POINT ALPHA
(@ 10TH & HUDSON)

UH...
A-ALMOST
READY...
...J-JUST
GOTTA GET THE
AUGMENTATION
SUIT ON...
=HFF=

...READY.

OF COURSE
I'M READY, YOU
SILLIES.

NOW BOOSTING
BAXTER BUILDING
TOKAMAK REACTORS
ONE THROUGH FOUR
TO MAX OUTPUT.

JUST RELAY
ME MY SWEET
MEGAWATTS, AND
I CAN GIVE YOU ALL
THE FIREPOWER
YOU NEED,
REED!

HEH.

WARNING:
MEGA-SCALE
MANIFESTATION
IMMINENT. EVACUATE
THIS PLATFORM
IMMEDIATELY.

CONFIGURING
BAXTER BUILDING
MICROWAVE POWER
RELAYS TO
NARROWCAST
MODE...

...NOW RELAYING 1.5
MEGAWATTS PER
SECOND TO YOUR
METATALENT
AUGMENTATION
SUIT.

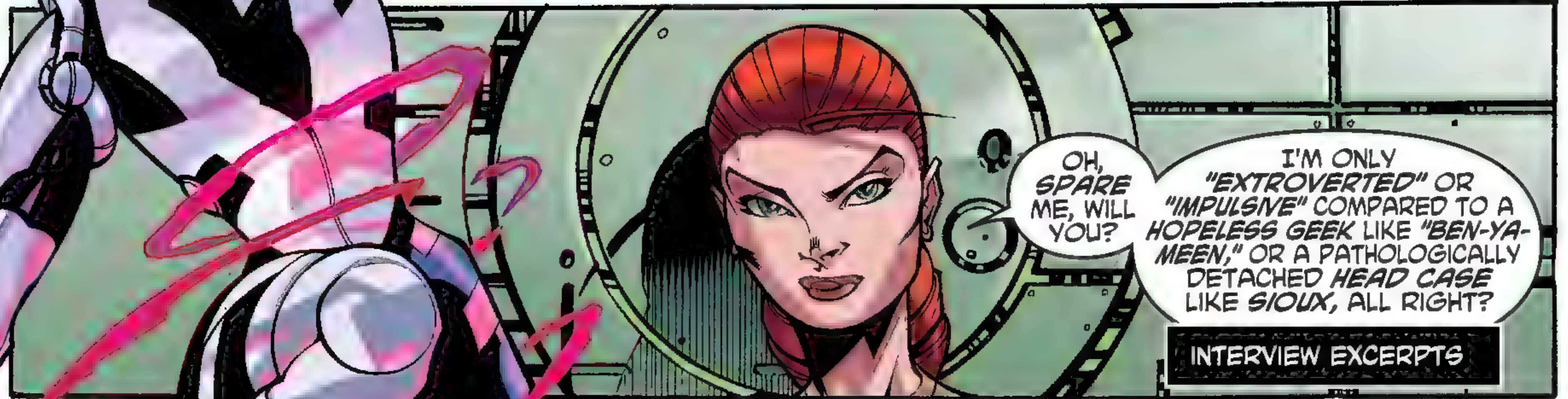
YOU ARE NOW CLEARED
FOR FULL MEGA-SCALE
METATALENT MANIFESTATION,
JONATHA.

AH.
TIME
FOR SOME
"THREE-M,"
BABY...!



I AM THE
GODDESS OF
HELLFIRE!

METATALENT OPERATIVE
JONATHA STORM



OH,
SPARE
ME, WILL
YOU?

I'M ONLY
"EXTROVERTED" OR
"IMPULSIVE" COMPARED TO A
HOPELESS GEEK LIKE "BEN-YA-
MEEN," OR A PATHOLOGICALLY
DETACHED HEAD CASE
LIKE SIOUX, ALL RIGHT?

INTERVIEW EXCERPTS



UH...
J-JONATHA'S
REAL, UM...
YOU KNOW,
INTENSE...

I MEAN,
REEEEAL
INTENSE...!



...IN CASE
IT WASN'T
IMMEDIATELY
OBVIOUS...

...JONATHA
IS MY HALF-
SISTER...



VOLATILE. UNSTABLE.
POOR IMPULSE CONTROL.
SHORT ON ATTENTION
SPAN, LONG ON
GRANDIOSITY.

NOT
UNATTRACTIVE,
THOUGH.



MMM,
MMM,
MMM!

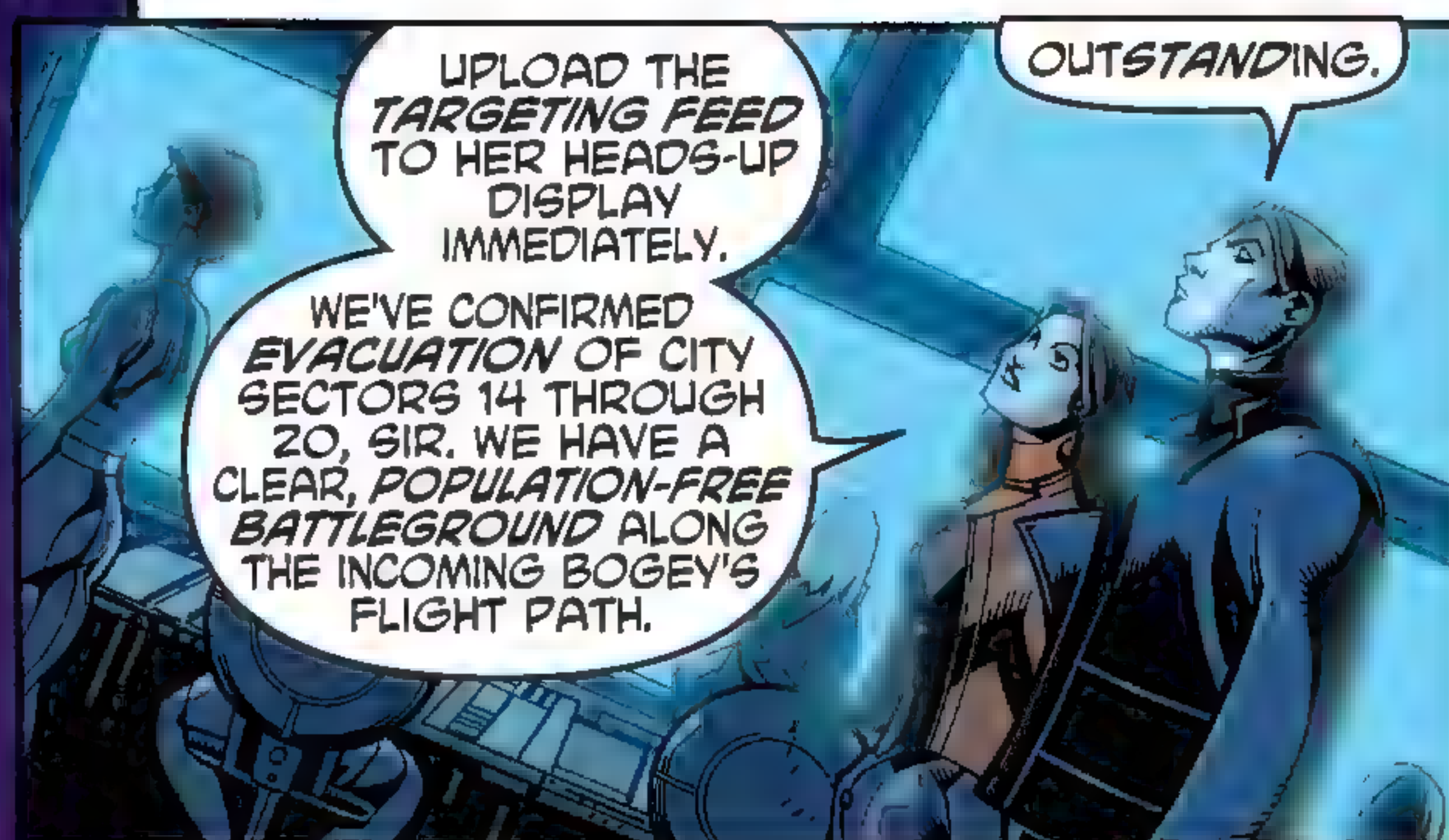
OH, YES...
FEEL THAT
POWER...
GETTING ME
HOT...!



NIIIICE...!

MY
ARMATURE'S
FORMED, I'M
READY FOR GIANT-
SIZE MEGAVIOLENCE...
JUST POINT ME
AT MY VICTIM,
HUH?

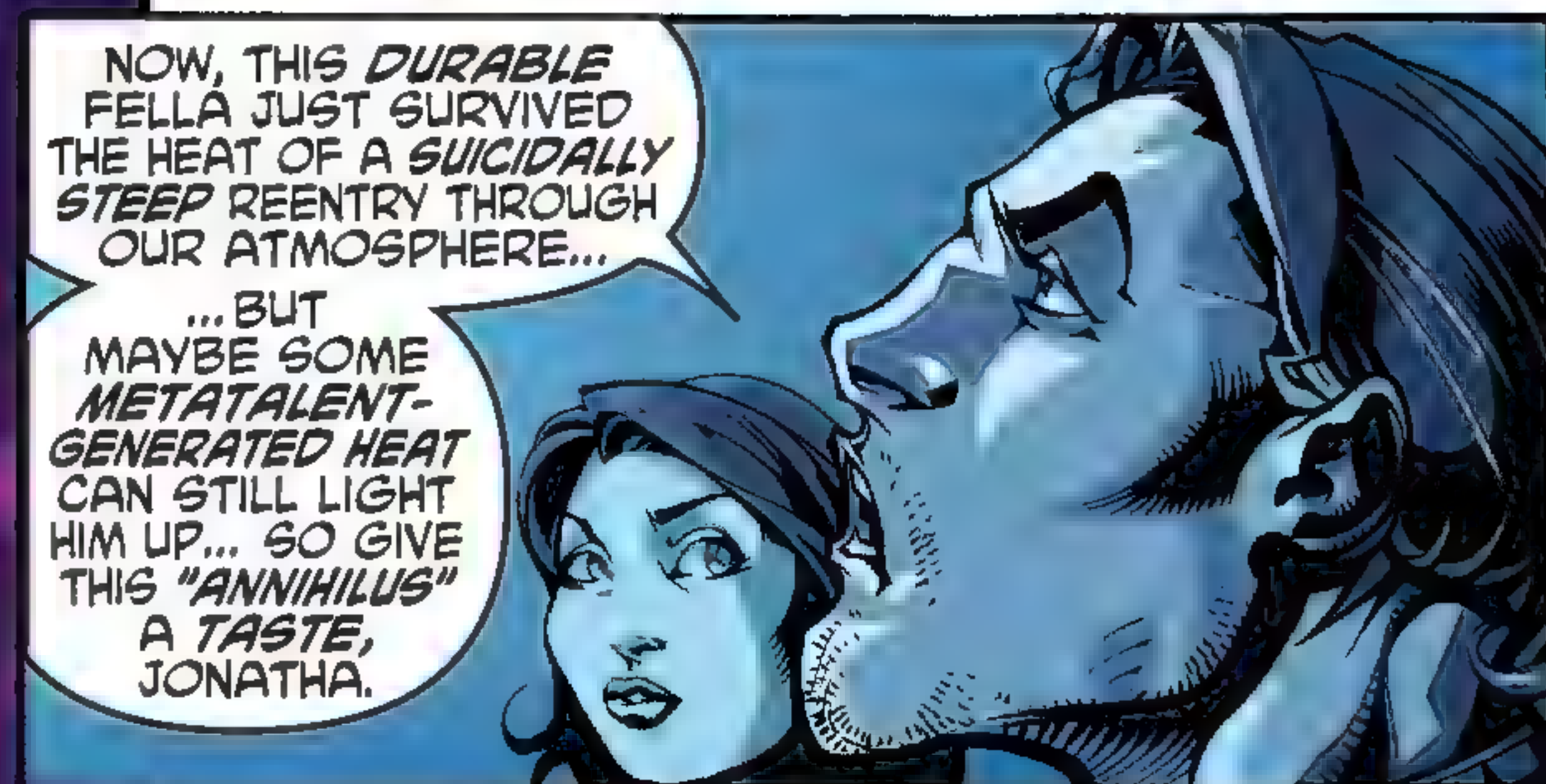
EXOSKELETAL MEGA-SCALE METATALENT
MANIFESTATION (ARMATURE COMPOSED
OF SUPERHEATED GASES AND PLASMAS)



OUTSTANDING.

UPLOAD THE
TARGETING FEED
TO HER HEADS-UP
DISPLAY
IMMEDIATELY.

WE'VE CONFIRMED
EVACUATION OF CITY
SECTORS 14 THROUGH
20, SIR. WE HAVE A
CLEAR, POPULATION-FREE
BATTLEGROUND ALONG
THE INCOMING BOGEY'S
FLIGHT PATH.



NOW, THIS DURABLE
FELLA JUST SURVIVED
THE HEAT OF A SUICIDALLY
STEEP REENTRY THROUGH
OUR ATMOSPHERE...

...BUT
MAYBE SOME
METATALENT-
GENERATED HEAT
CAN STILL LIGHT
HIM UP... SO GIVE
THIS "ANNIHILUS"
A TASTE,
JONATHA.



NEE-OH
PROBLEMO,
SIR!

JUST KEEP
MY SWEET
MEGAWATTS
COMING...!



RAMPING HEAT
GENERATION TO
MAX INTENSITY --

AVAILABLE
POWER: 4.5
MEGAWATTS

-- TARGET IS
LOCKED --



-- I'M
OPENING
FIRE--!



REED!
I MEAN,
SIR!

OUR RADAR
RETURNS SHOW
THAT THE BOGEY
IS BREAKING
UP!



IT
MUST BE
SUSTAINING
SEVERE
DAMAGE,
SIR!

FIRE
FOR EFFECT,
JONATHA!
POUR IT ON!



YOU GOT
IT, BOSS
MAN!

HEY,
"ANNIHILUS"! TAKE
THIS BACK TO YOUR
XENOCULTURE!



BURN
FOR ME,
BABY!

BURN!



WAIT --!
THE TARGET'S
NOT DAMAGED,
NOW!

LOOK
OUT--!

SHRAKK

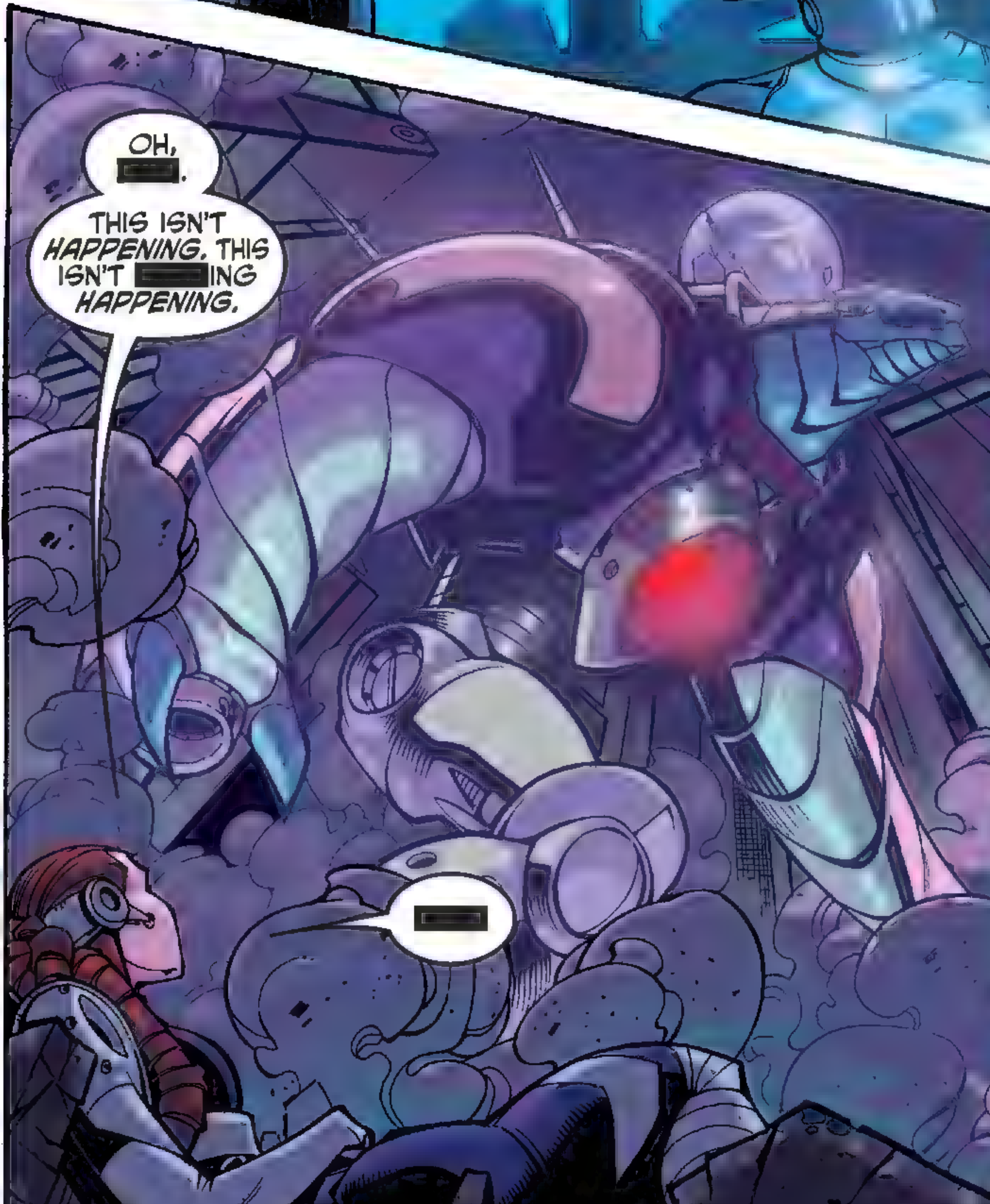
DAMN...
ONE ASSET
DOWN, LET'S GET
THE NEXT ONE
READY...

HER
MEGASCALE
MANIFESTATION'S
LOST INTEGRITY...
OH, IT'S
COLLAPSING,
SIR!

HER
AUG SUIT'S
RELAYS ARE
LOSING THE
POWER FEED...
SHE'S DOWN,
SIR!



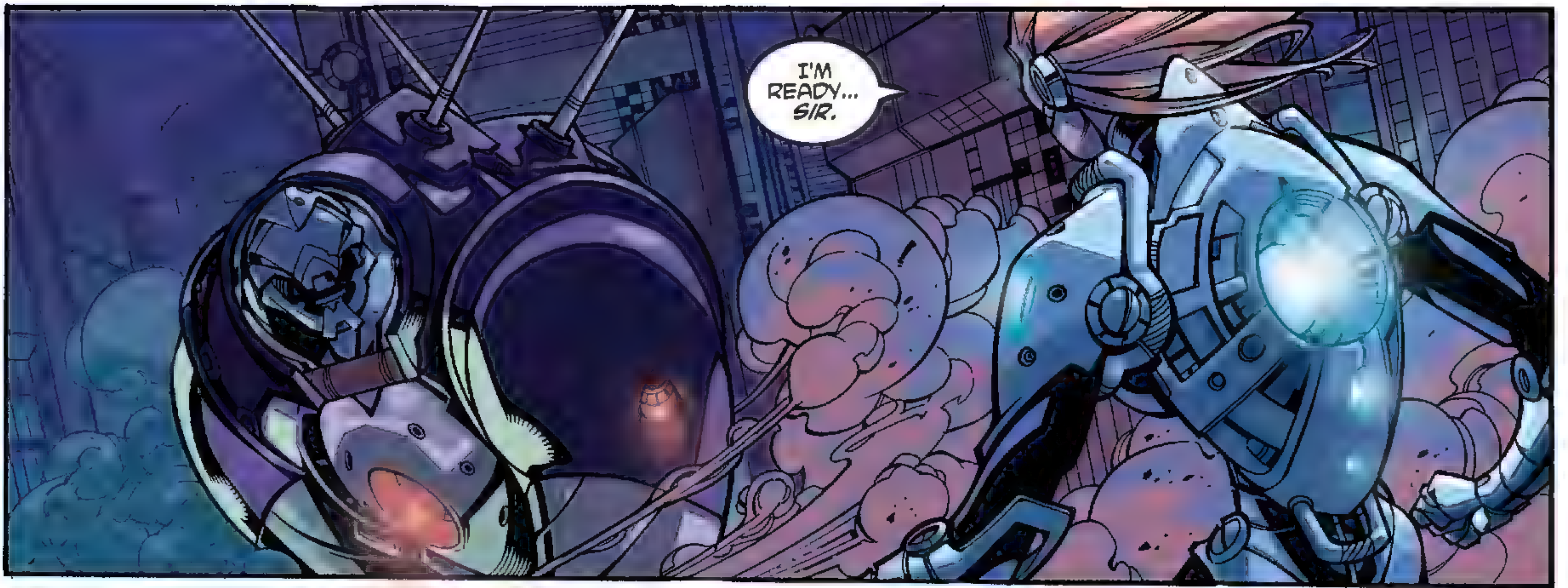
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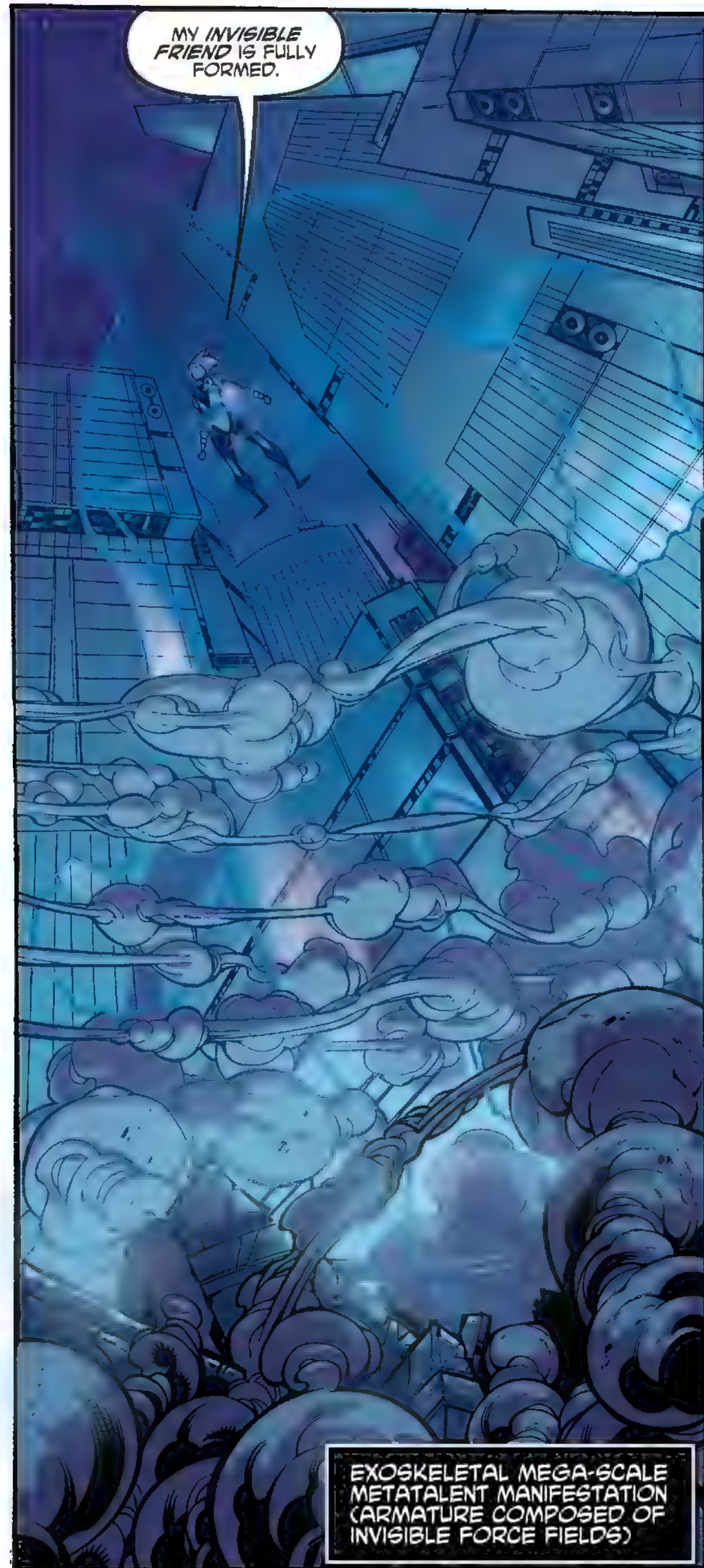
OH,
THIS ISN'T
HAPPENING. THIS
ISN'T ING
HAPPENING.

ANNIHILUS HAS
LANDED, NOW...
SO WE CAN SORTIE
ASSETS FOR
GROUND-BASED
INTERCEPTION.

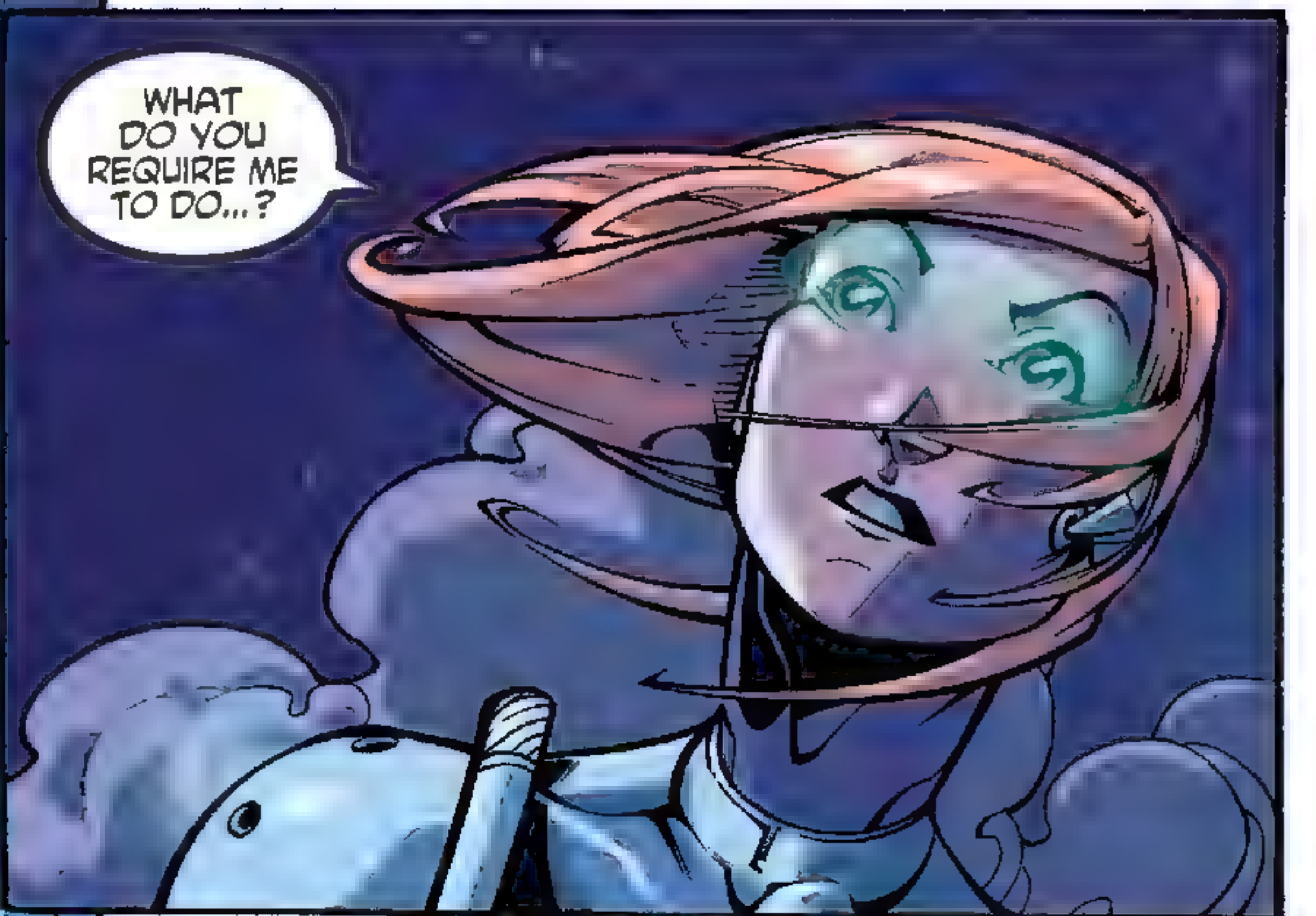
IS OUR LITTLE
SIOUX DEPLOYED
AND READY?



I'M
READY...
SIR.



MY *INVISIBLE
FRIEND* IS FULLY
FORMED.



WHAT
DO YOU
REQUIRE ME
TO DO...?



HER *AUG SUIT*'S DUMPING NEAR-
OVERDOSES OF *WARDRUGS* AND
AGGRESSOR HORMONES INTO
HER BLOODSTREAM... AND THIS
IS AS *PUMPED-UP* AS WE
CAN MAKE HER...

GOTTA
LOVE THAT NEAR-
PSYCHOSIS-LEVEL
EMOTIONAL
DETACHMENT...

*ENGAGE THE
BOGEY HAND-TO-
INVISIBLE-HAND,*
SIOUX. I NEED YOU
TO PUT A *SEVERE
HURTIN'* ON HIM,
UNDERSTAND?

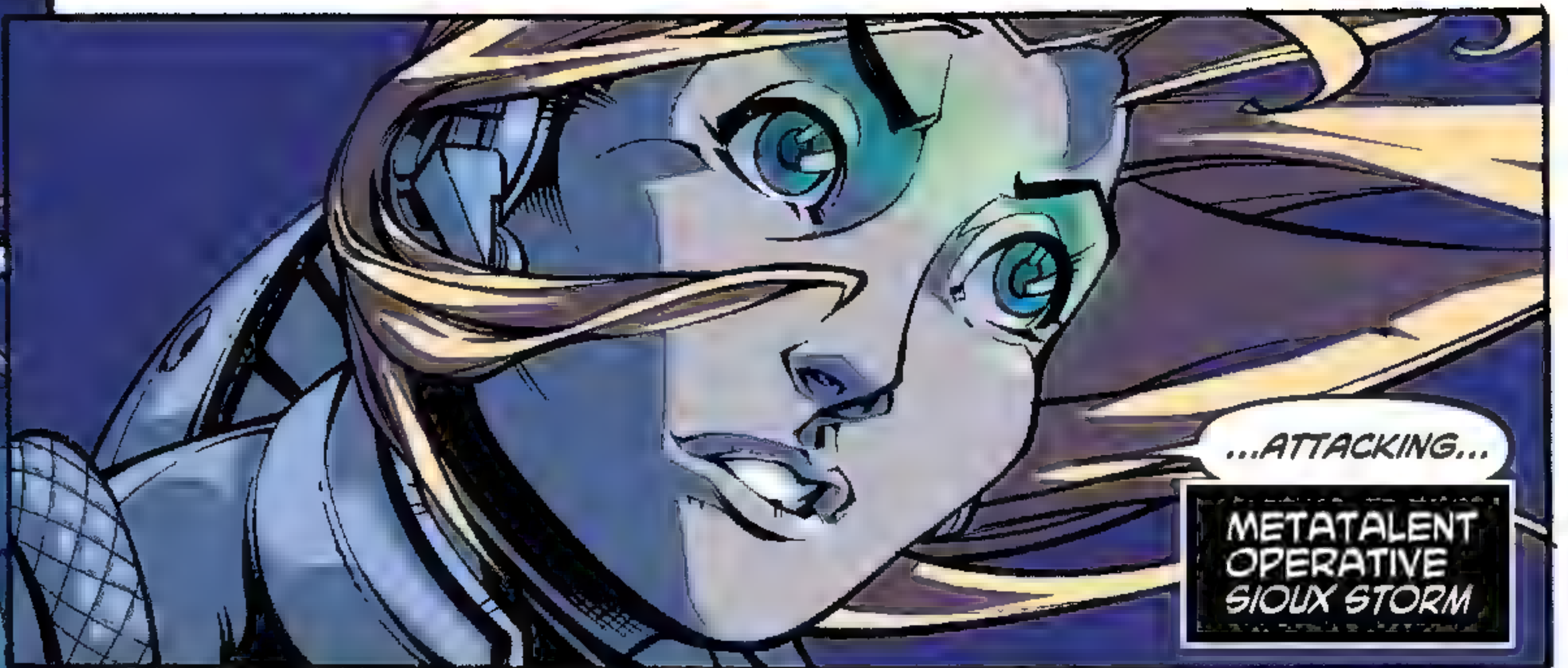


UNDERSTOOD,
SIR.

EXOSKELETAL MEGA-SCALE
METATALENT MANIFESTATION
(ARMATURE COMPOSED OF
INVISIBLE FORCE FIELDS)

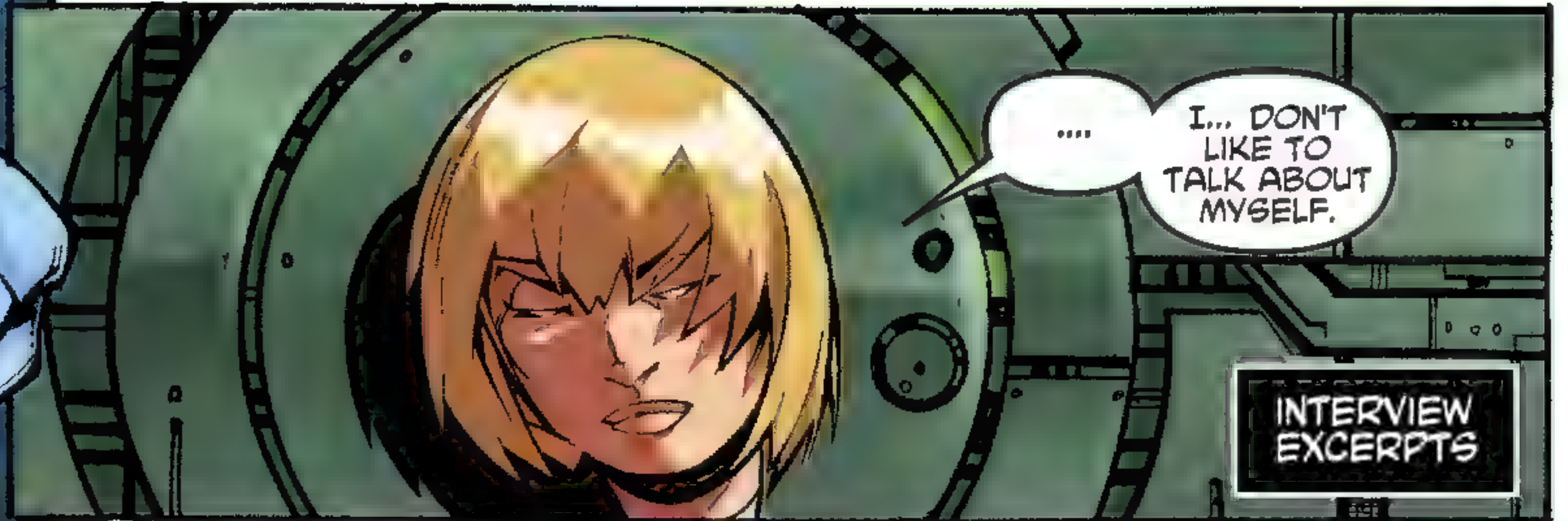


INITIATING
CLOSE-QUARTERS
COMBAT...



...ATTACKING...

METATALENT
OPERATIVE
SIOUX STORM



....
I... DON'T
LIKE TO
TALK ABOUT
MYSELF.

INTERVIEW
EXCERPTS



UM... SIOUX IS
S-SO QUIET... SO, AH,
NON-TALKATIVE...

...THAT
IT'S UM, HARD TO
BELIEVE... THAT
SHE'S RELATED
AT ALL TO
J-JONATHA...!



HEY, WHEN LITTLE MISS
HEAD CASE WAS A KID,
SHE USED TO TALK TO
THESE, AH, INVISIBLE
FRIENDS, YOU
KNOW?

WELL, NOW HER
INVISIBLE FRIENDS ARE
REAL, AREN'T THEY?
REAL, AND 200
FEET TALL...



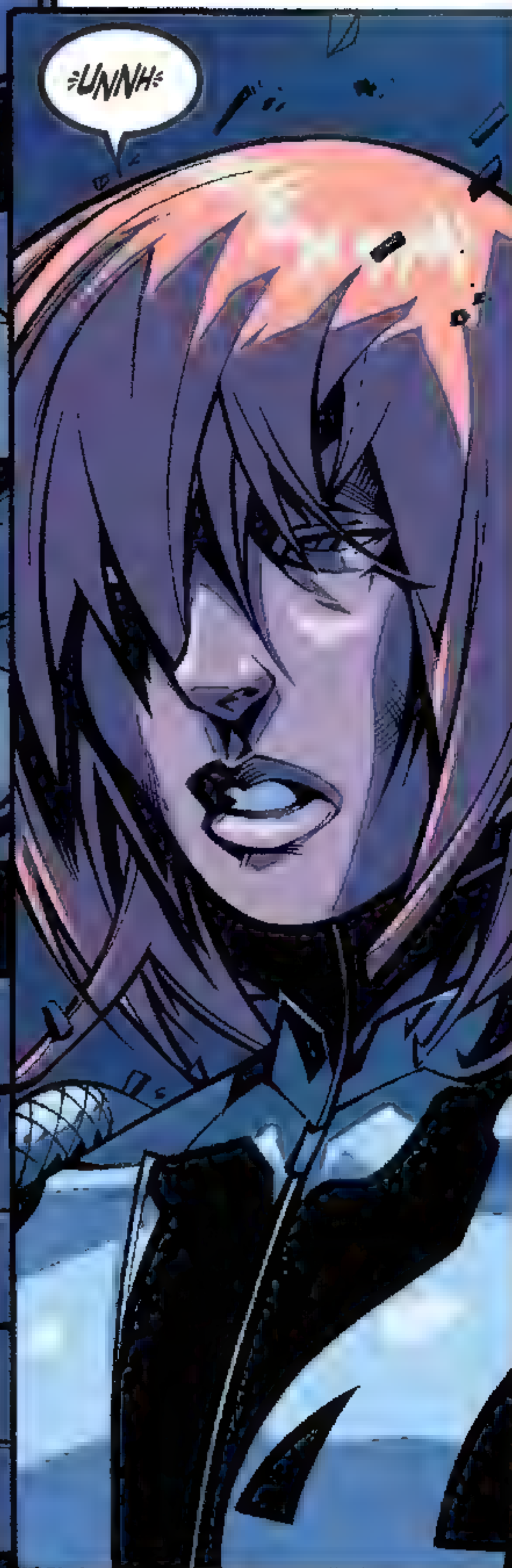
EMOTIONALLY
DETACHED.
PSYCHOLOGICALLY
DISASSOCIATED.
POTENTIAL
BORDERLINE
PERSONALITY
DISORDER.

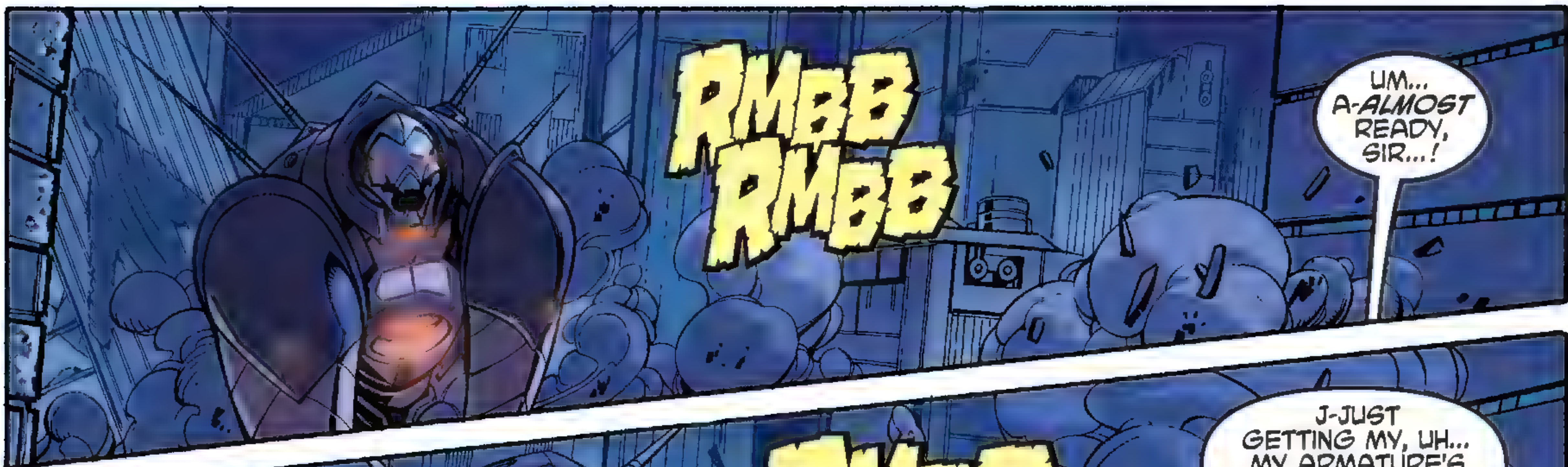
NONETHELESS,
RATHER
INTRIGUING...



I'M
SORRY.

I DON'T
WANT TO
HURT YOU,
BUT...





UM...
A-ALMOST
READY,
SIR...!



J-JUST
GETTING MY, UH...
MY ARMATURE'S
SHELL ASSEMBLED...
TH-THERE...!

...AND, UH... GETTING
MY ASSIMILATED
N-NERVOUS SYSTEM'S
SENSORY ANALOGUES
ALL WIRED
UP...

...TH-THERE!

UH...
I'M R-READY,
SIR...!

INSIDE EXOSKELETAL MEGASCALE
METATALENT MANIFESTATION

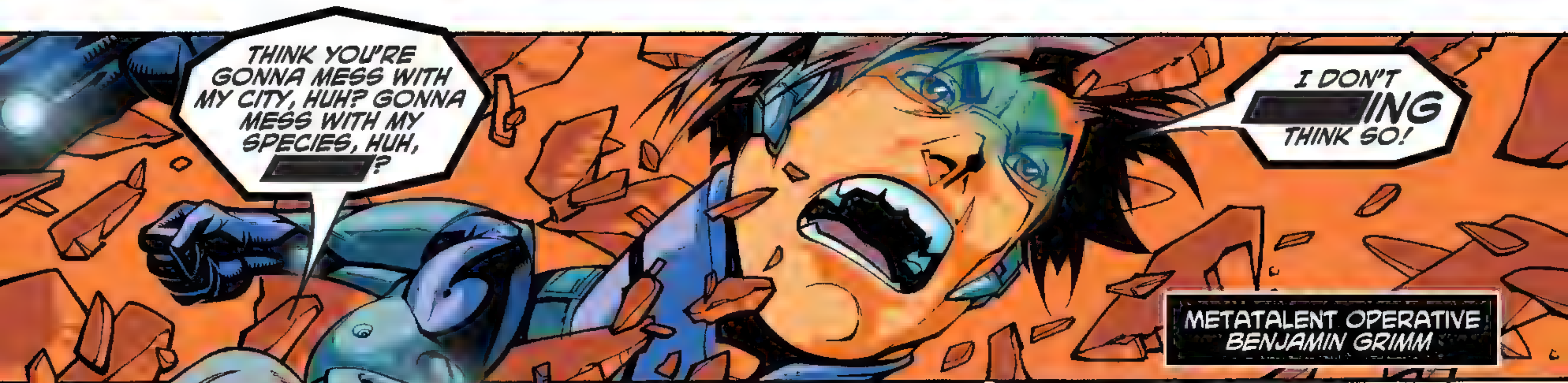
J-JEEZ...

...THIS, UM,
ANNIHILUS G-GUY
LOOKS KIND OF,
UM... SCARY,
DOESN'T
HE...?

IT'S A
G-GOOD THING,
THEN...

...THAT I'M
PRETTY ~~IN~~ 'IN'
SCARY
MYSELF!

EXOSKELETAL MEGA-SCALE METATALENT
MANIFESTATION (ARMATURE SUBSUMED
FROM MISCELLANEOUS URBAN MATERIALS)



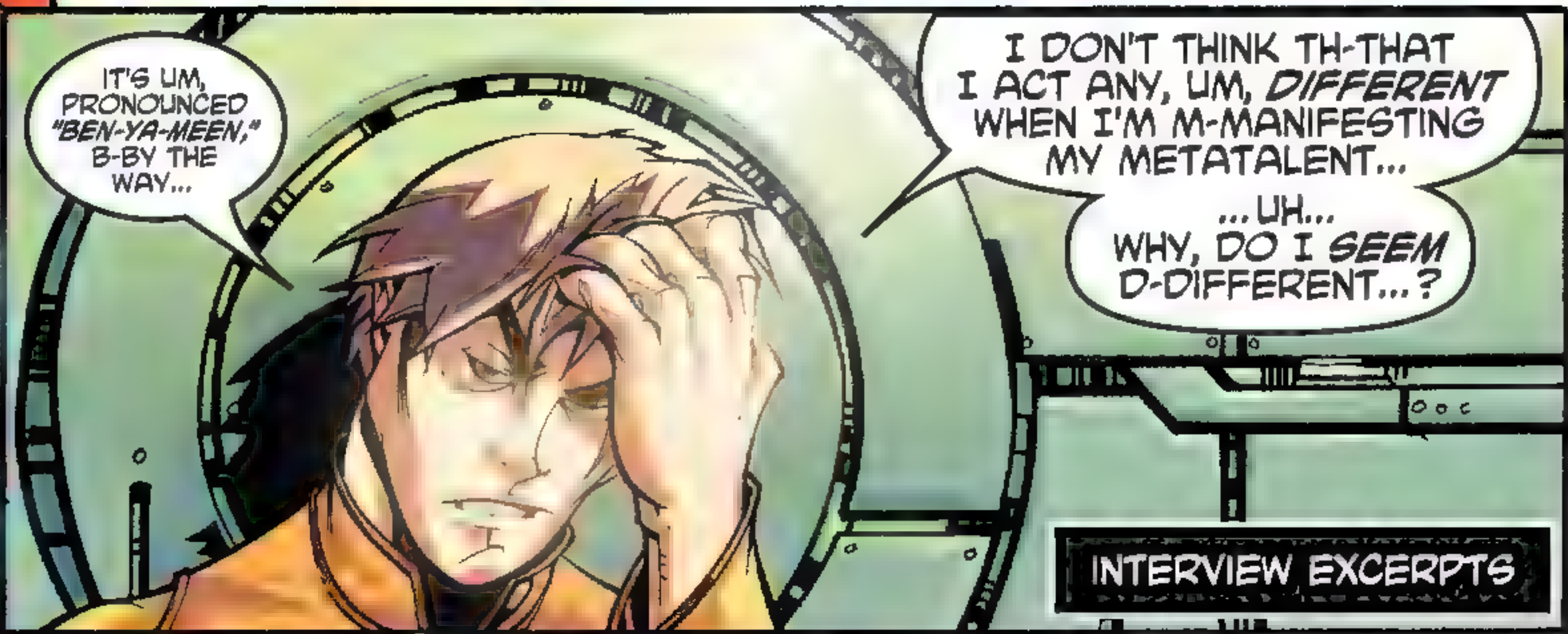
THINK YOU'RE
GONNA MESS WITH
MY CITY, HUH? GONNA
MESS WITH MY
SPECIES, HUH,
[REDACTED]?

I DON'T
[REDACTED]ING
THINK SO!

METATALENT OPERATIVE
BENJAMIN GRIMM



GONNA MESS
WITH BENJAMIN
[REDACTED]IN' GRIMM,
HUH?



IT'S UM,
PRONOUNCED
"BEN-YA-MEEN,"
B-BY THE
WAY...

I DON'T THINK TH-THAT
I ACT ANY, UM, *DIFFERENT*
WHEN I'M M-MANIFESTING
MY METATALENT...

...UH...
WHY, DO I *SEEM*
D-DIFFERENT...?

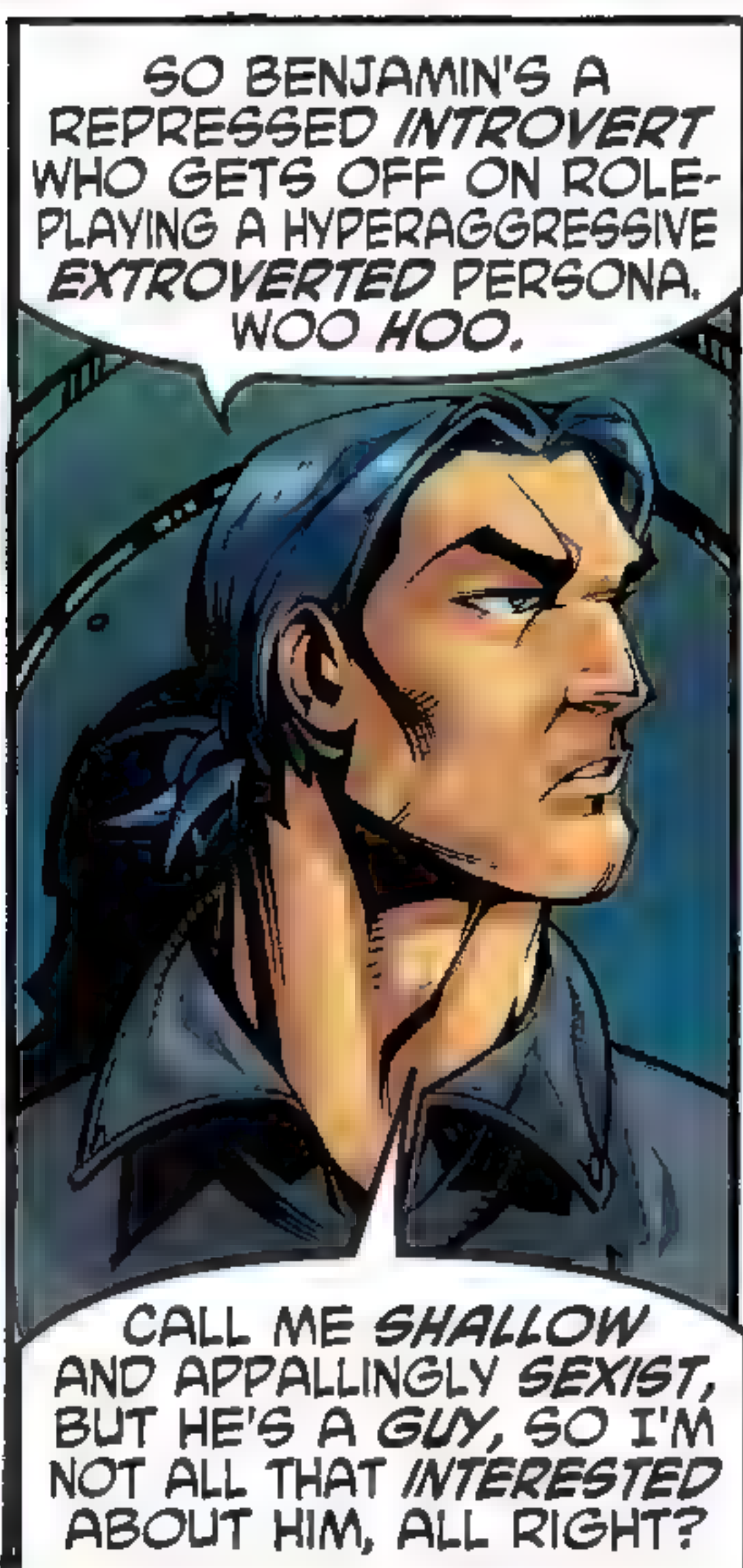
INTERVIEW EXCERPTS



NOW, "BEN-YA-MEEN" IS A TOTALLY
INEFFECTUAL, NEUROTIC *GEEK* IN REAL
LIFE, BUT PUT A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND
TONS OF ASSIMILATED *ARMOR* AROUND
HIM, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE ACTS
LIKE A *SERIOUS*
BADASS...!

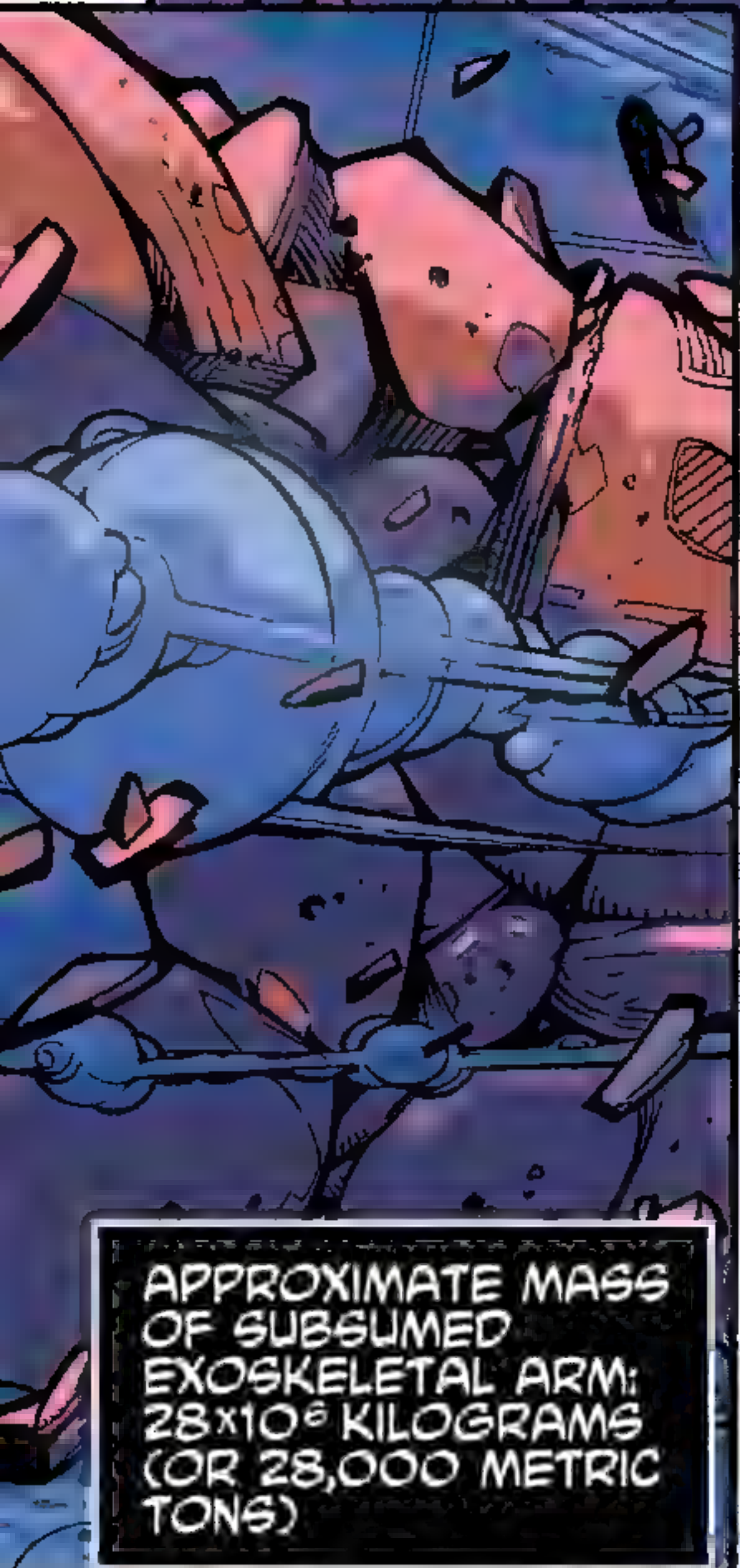
IT'S
PATHETIC,
REALLY.

UM,
WELL...



SO BENJAMIN'S A
REPRESSED *INTROVERT*
WHO GETS OFF ON ROLE-
PLAYING A HYPERAGGRESSIVE
EXTROVERTED PERSONA.
WOO HOO.

CALL ME *SHALLOW*
AND APPALLINGLY *SEXIST*,
BUT HE'S A *GUY*, SO I'M
NOT ALL THAT *INTERESTED*
ABOUT HIM, ALL RIGHT?



APPROXIMATE MASS
OF SUBSUMED
EXOSKELETAL ARM:
 28×10^6 KILOGRAMS
(OR 28,000 METRIC
TONS)



APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM
VELOCITY OF SUBSUMED
EXOSKELETAL ARM:
550 METERS PER SECOND



APPROXIMATE KINETIC ENERGY:
 4.184×10^{12} JOULES (OR 1 KILOTON,
EQUIVALENT TO 1000 TONS OF TNT)



YO,
BETTER CHECK
THE ~~ENGINE~~ **ING**
CLOCK, HUH?

'CAUSE IT'S
CLOBBERIN' TIME,
ER!

WHOOO

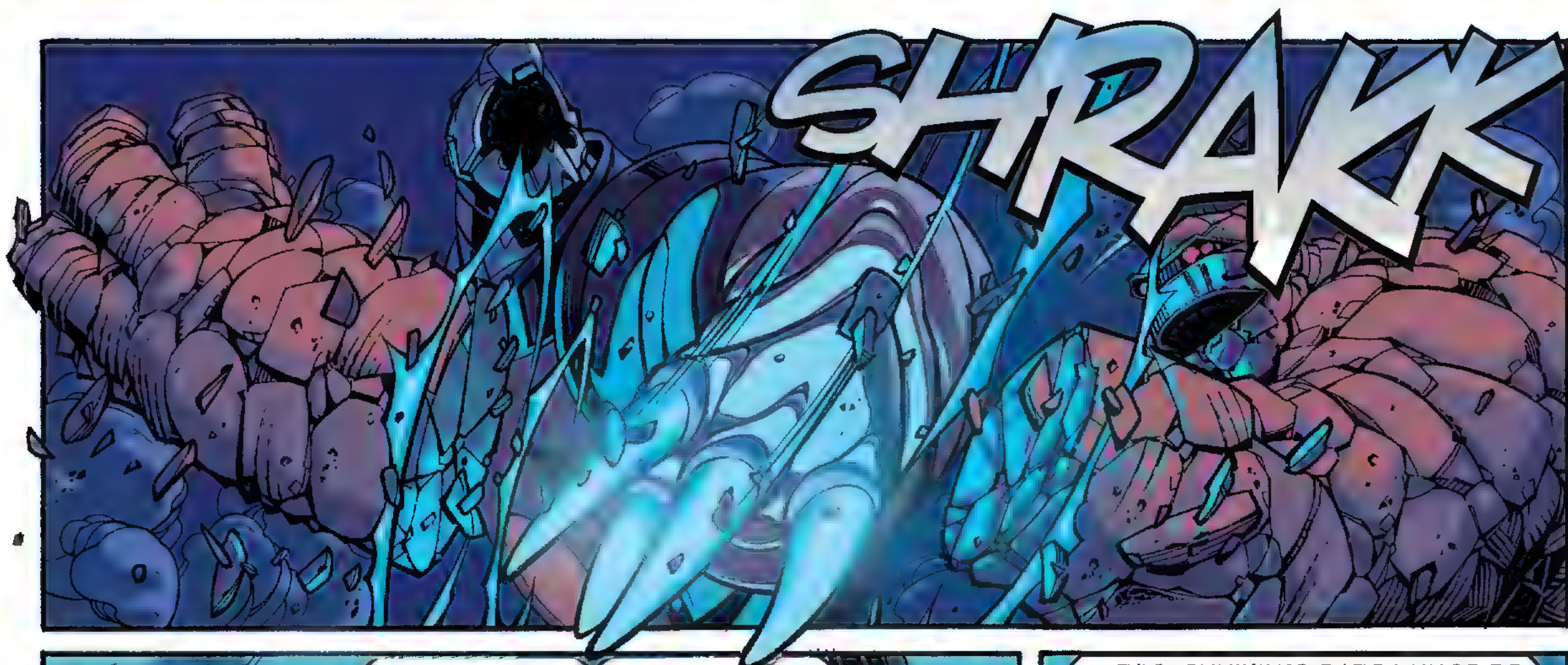
THE BOGEY
IS DOWN--
NO, WAIT!

THERE'S THAT ENERGY
FLARE AGAIN-- THE
BOGEY'S RESTORED
ITSELF--!

HOW THE
HELL DOES
HE DO
THAT?

WHERE'S MY DAMN
SPECTRUM ANALYSIS
ON THAT ROD'S
ENERGY SIGNATURE,
DAMN IT?

BENJAMIN--!
**THE BOGEY'S
ATTACKING--!**



HMM... THAT ENERGY FLARE'S INCONSISTENT WITH NANOTECHNOLOGICAL REBUILDING... TOO FAST, ANYWAY...

...COULD THAT ROD STRUCTURE BE UTILIZING SO-CALLED FEMTO TECH... MANIPULATION DOWN AT THE QUARK LEVEL...?

OUR MEGA-SCALE ASSETS ARE INCAPACITATED... THE BOGEY'S HEADING DIRECTLY FOR THE BAXTER BUILDING...!

LIKE THE OTHER XENOCULTURE HOSTILES...



...THIS ANNIHILUS ENTITY MUST BE AFTER WHAT'S INSIDE LEVEL B-10'S NEGATIVE-ZONE VAULT...!



OUTSIDE LEVEL B-10'S NEGATIVE-ZONE VAULT

NO ADMITTANCE
RESTRICTED TO PERSONNEL WITH
ALPHA-LEVEL SECURITY CLEARANCE.

MAN, THIS MAKES ME REAL NERVOUS...

NO!



ALICIA... UPGRADE OUR SECURITY STATUS TO **CONDITION RED** AND INITIATE THE BUILDING'S LAST-DITCH **SHIELDING PROCEDURES**...

...AND ORDER ALL **NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL** EVACUATED TO THE **HARDENED SHELTERS**... WE'RE REALLY UP AGAINST IT, THIS TIME...

YES, MA'AM!



EVERYBODY, SHUT THE
UP.



GIVE ME A MOMENT OF ~~ING~~ SILENCE, ALL RIGHT?

NEED TO FOCUS... GET MY OTHERWISE-USELESS METATALENT PUMPING...

...GOTTA PLASTICIZE MY BRAIN STRUCTURE...
=NNHH=



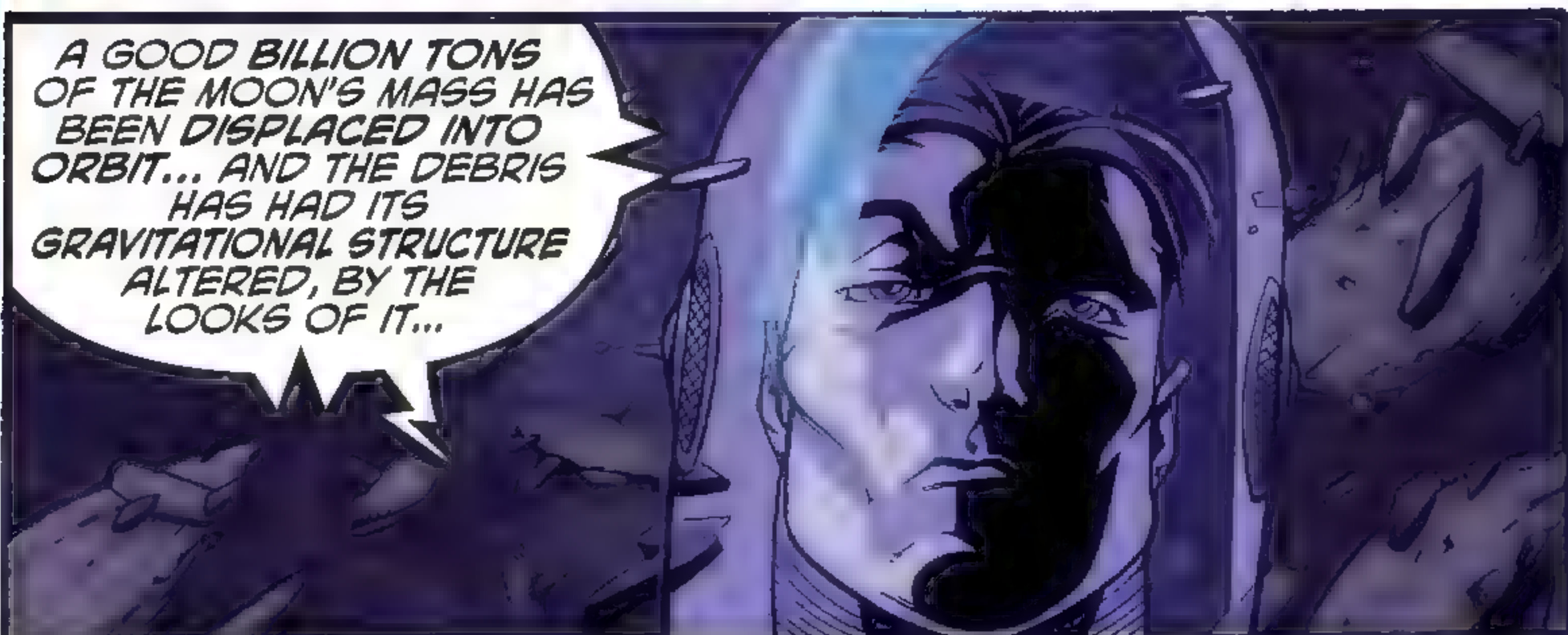
THINK OF SOMETHING...
THINK OF SOMETHING,
YOU STUPID, SLOW-
WITTED,
DECEREBRATE
[REDACTED]...



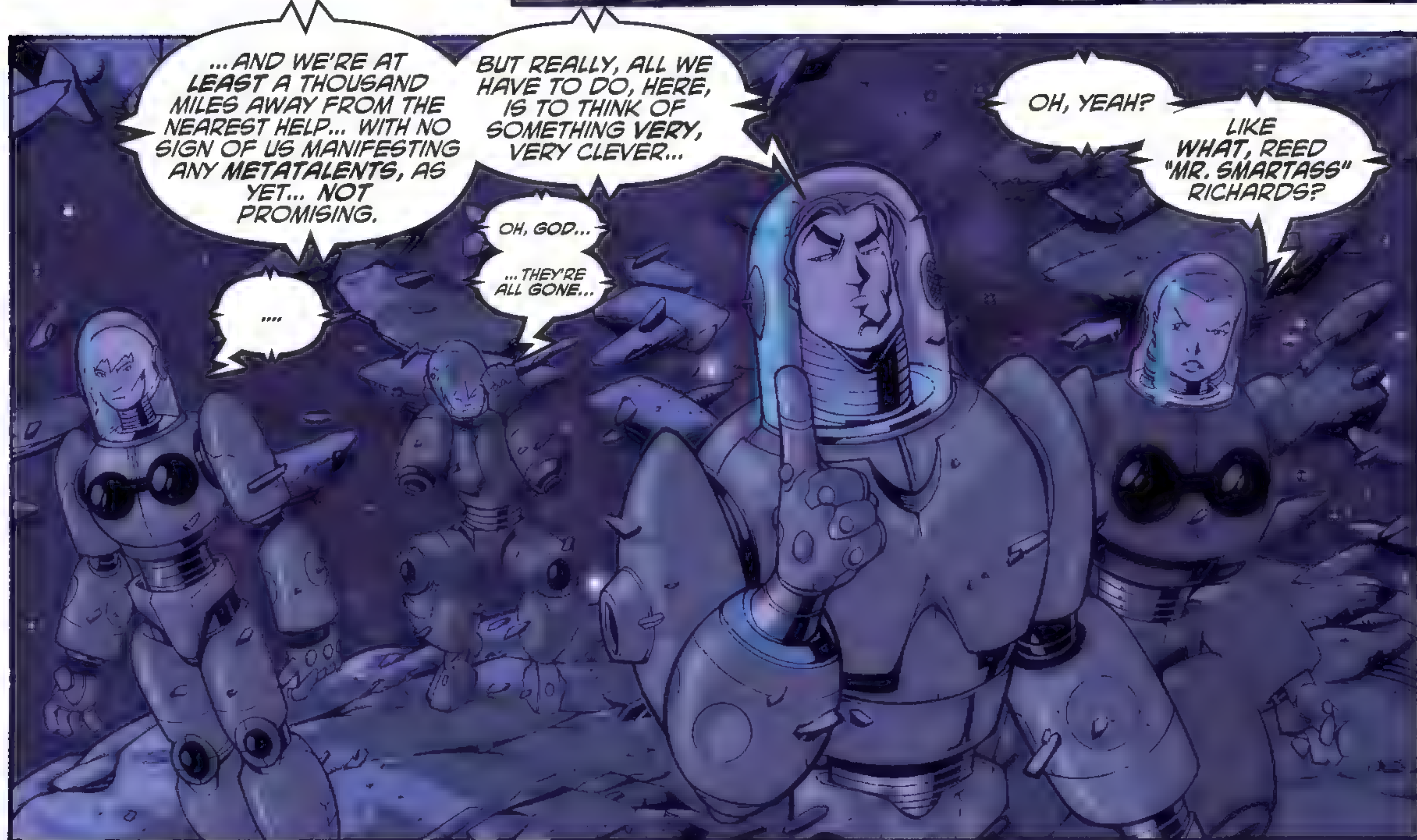
FLASHBACK:
ONE YEAR AGO

HMM.
WELL.

THE
DESCRIPTOR-
THEORY EXPERIMENT...
ALL THE OTHER TEST
SUBJECTS... THE ENTIRE
BASE... THEY'VE ALL
BEEN EITHER VAPORIZED
OR FLUNG INTO
ANOTHER UNIVERSE,
APPARENTLY.



A GOOD BILLION TONS
OF THE MOON'S MASS HAS
BEEN DISPLACED INTO
ORBIT... AND THE DEBRIS
HAS HAD ITS
GRAVITATIONAL STRUCTURE
ALTERED, BY THE
LOOKS OF IT...



...AND WE'RE AT
LEAST A THOUSAND
MILES AWAY FROM THE
NEAREST HELP... WITH NO
SIGN OF US MANIFESTING
ANY METATALENTS, AS
YET... NOT
PROMISING.

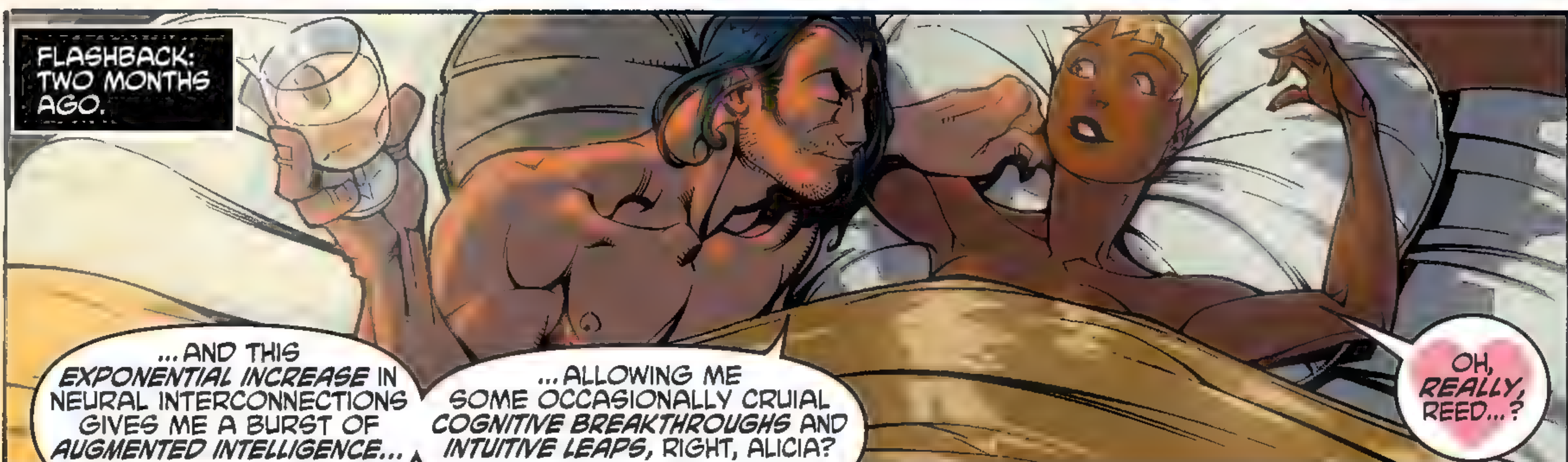
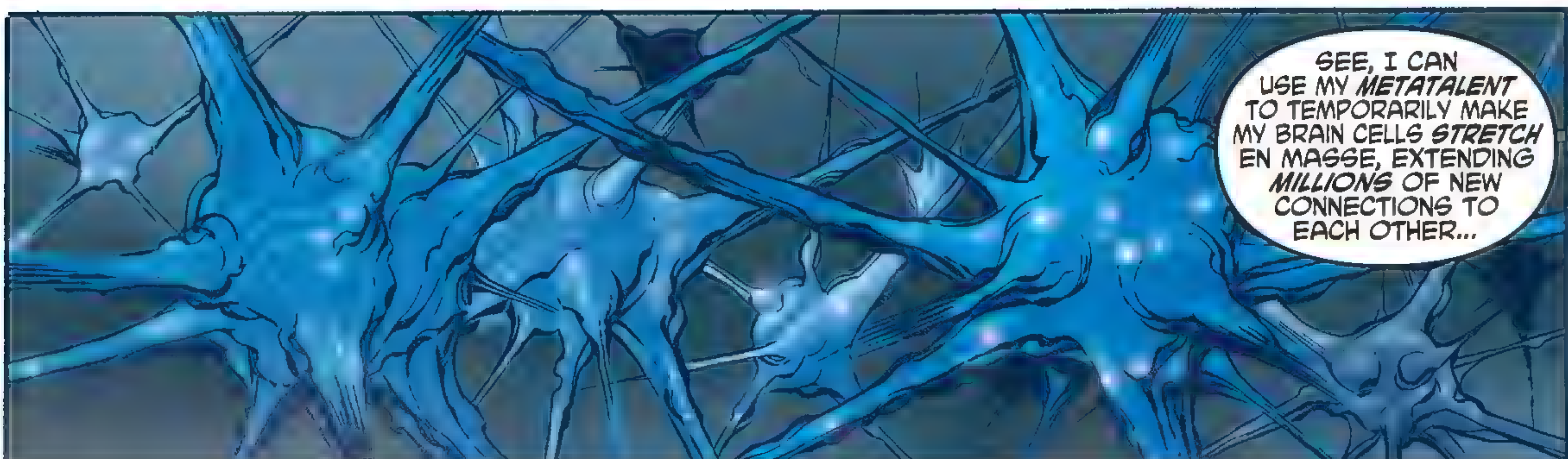
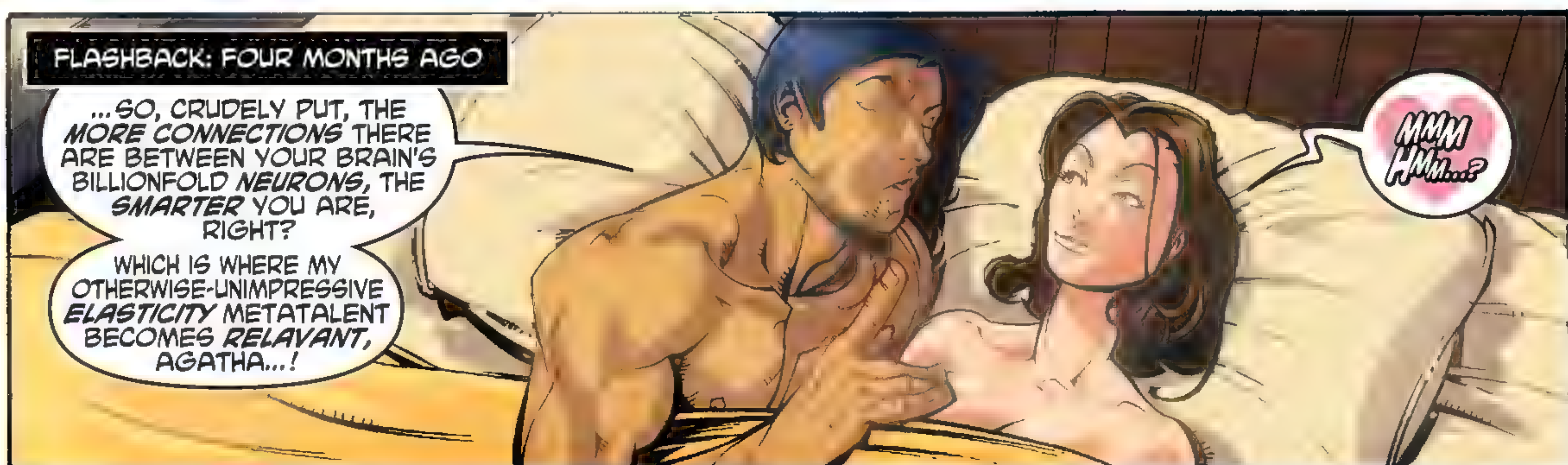
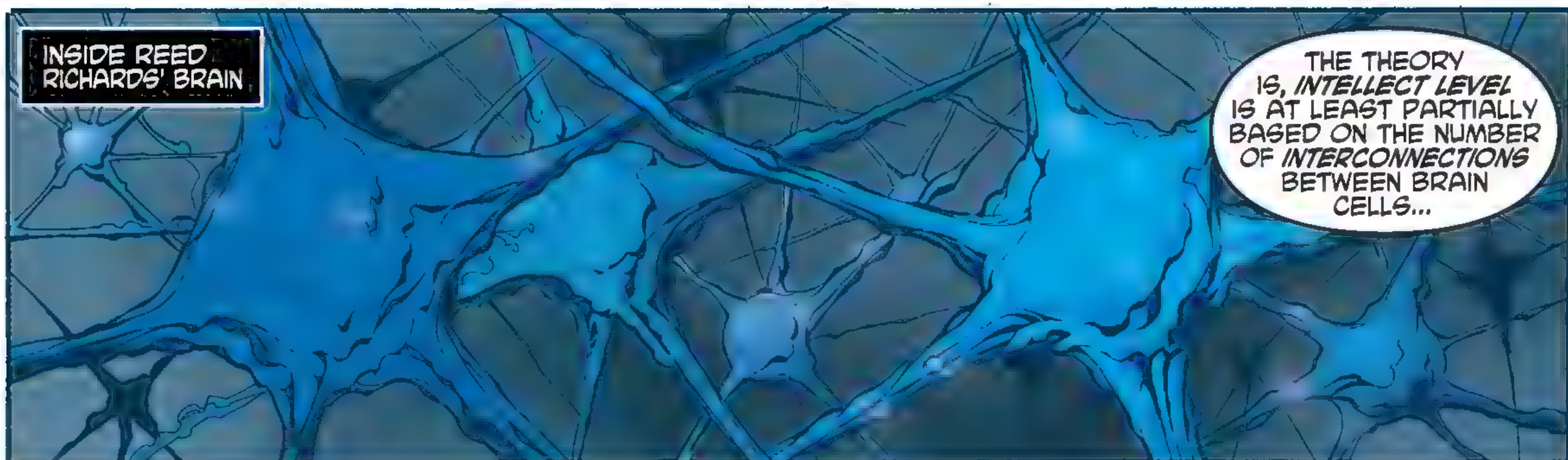
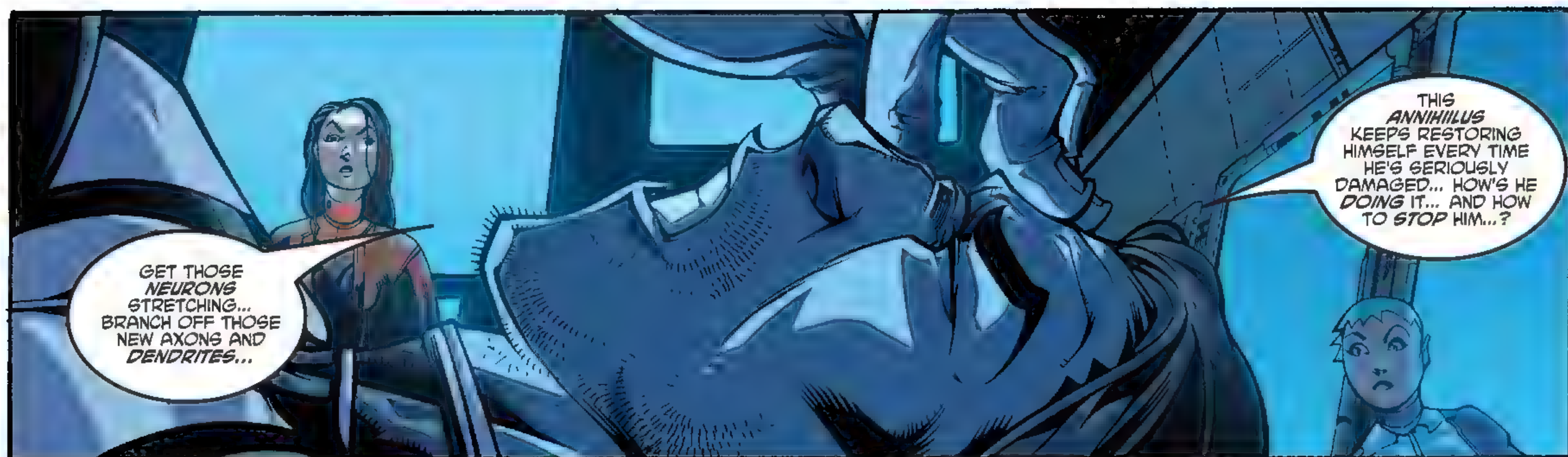
BUT REALLY, ALL WE
HAVE TO DO, HERE,
IS TO THINK OF
SOMETHING VERY,
VERY CLEVER...

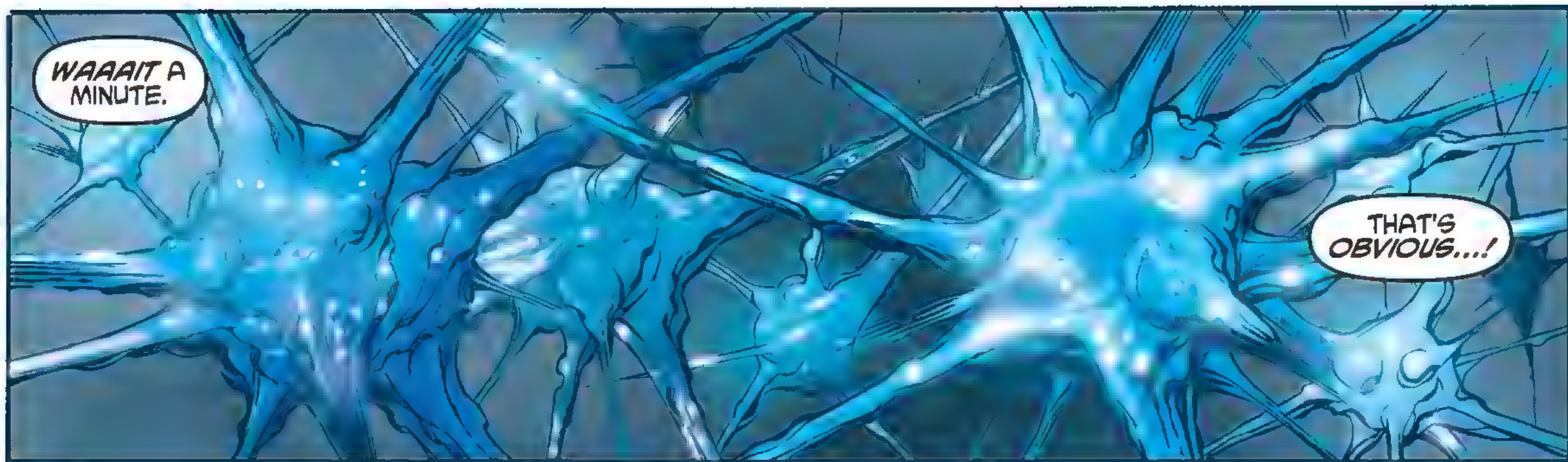
OH, GOD...

...THEY'RE
ALL GONE...

OH, YEAH?

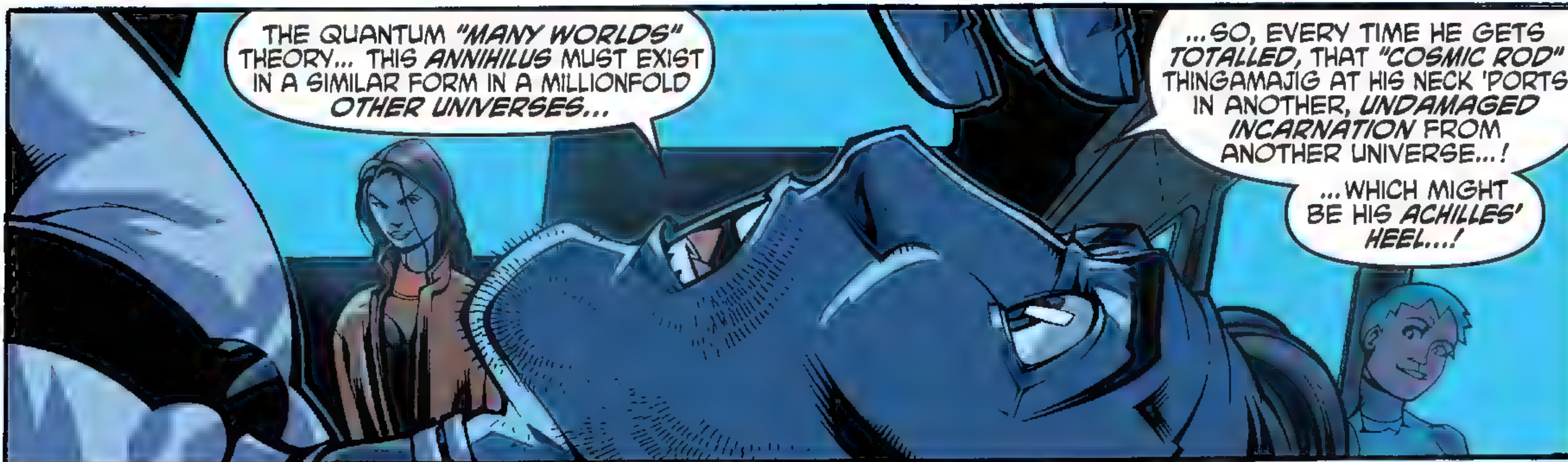
LIKE
WHAT, REED
"MR. SMARTASS"
RICHARDS?





WAAAIT A
MINUTE.

THAT'S
OBTVIOUS...!



THE QUANTUM "MANY WORLDS"
THEORY... THIS ANNIHILUS MUST EXIST
IN A SIMILAR FORM IN A MILLIONFOLD
OTHER UNIVERSES...

...SO, EVERY TIME HE GETS
TOTALLED, THAT "COSMIC ROD"
THINGAMAJIG AT HIS NECK 'PORTS'
IN ANOTHER, UNDAAGED
INCARNATION FROM
ANOTHER UNIVERSE...!

...WHICH MIGHT
BE HIS ACHILLES'
HEEL...!

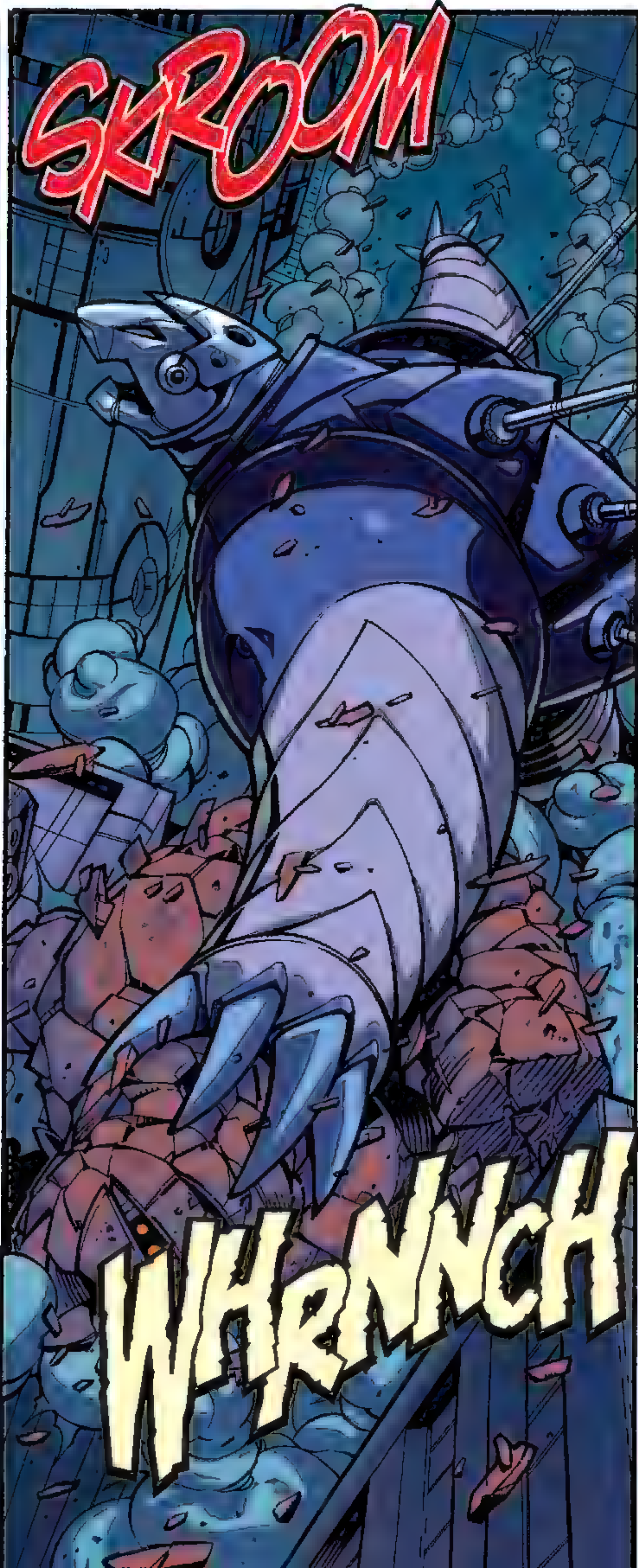


CHOOM
SKRANG

CUT MY
IN' ARM
OFF, HUH?

DON'T
BENJAMIN...

WELL, NOW
I'M GONNA --
HNNGH



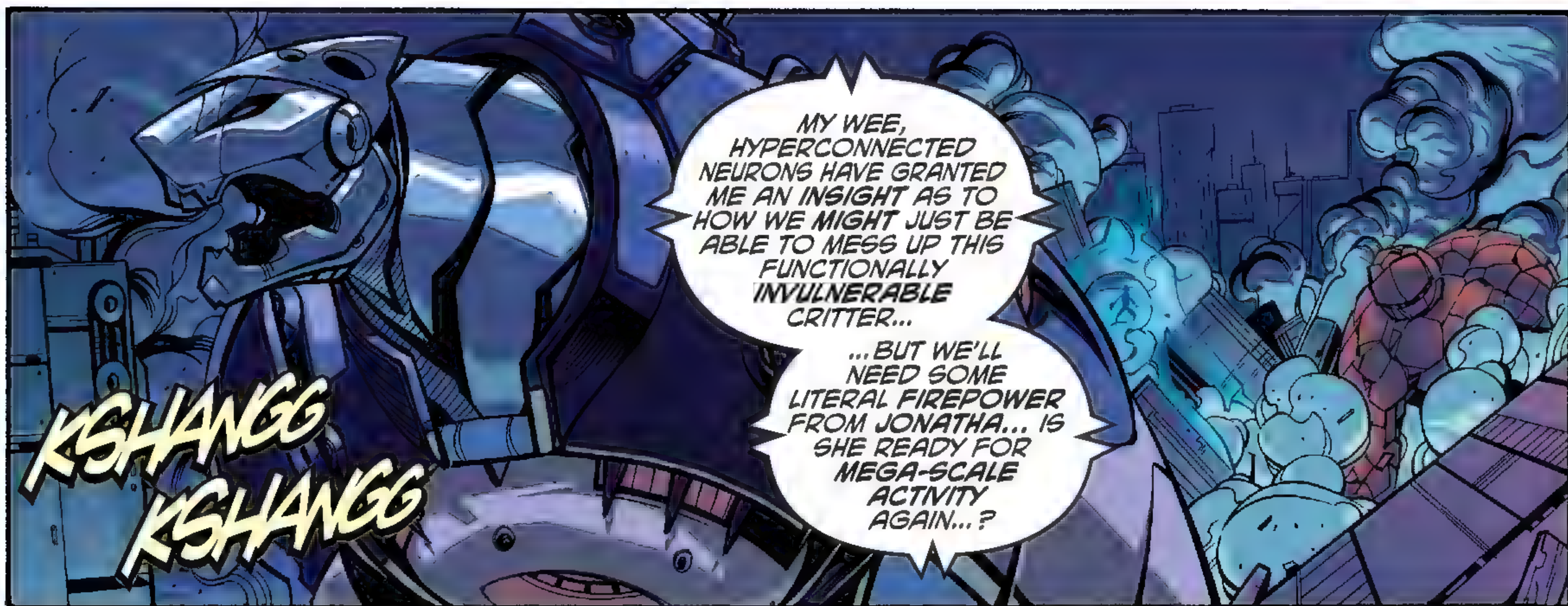
SKROOM

WHRNNCH



LISTEN UP, MY
METATALENTED
FRIENDS... I'VE
HAMMERED OUT A
PLAN...

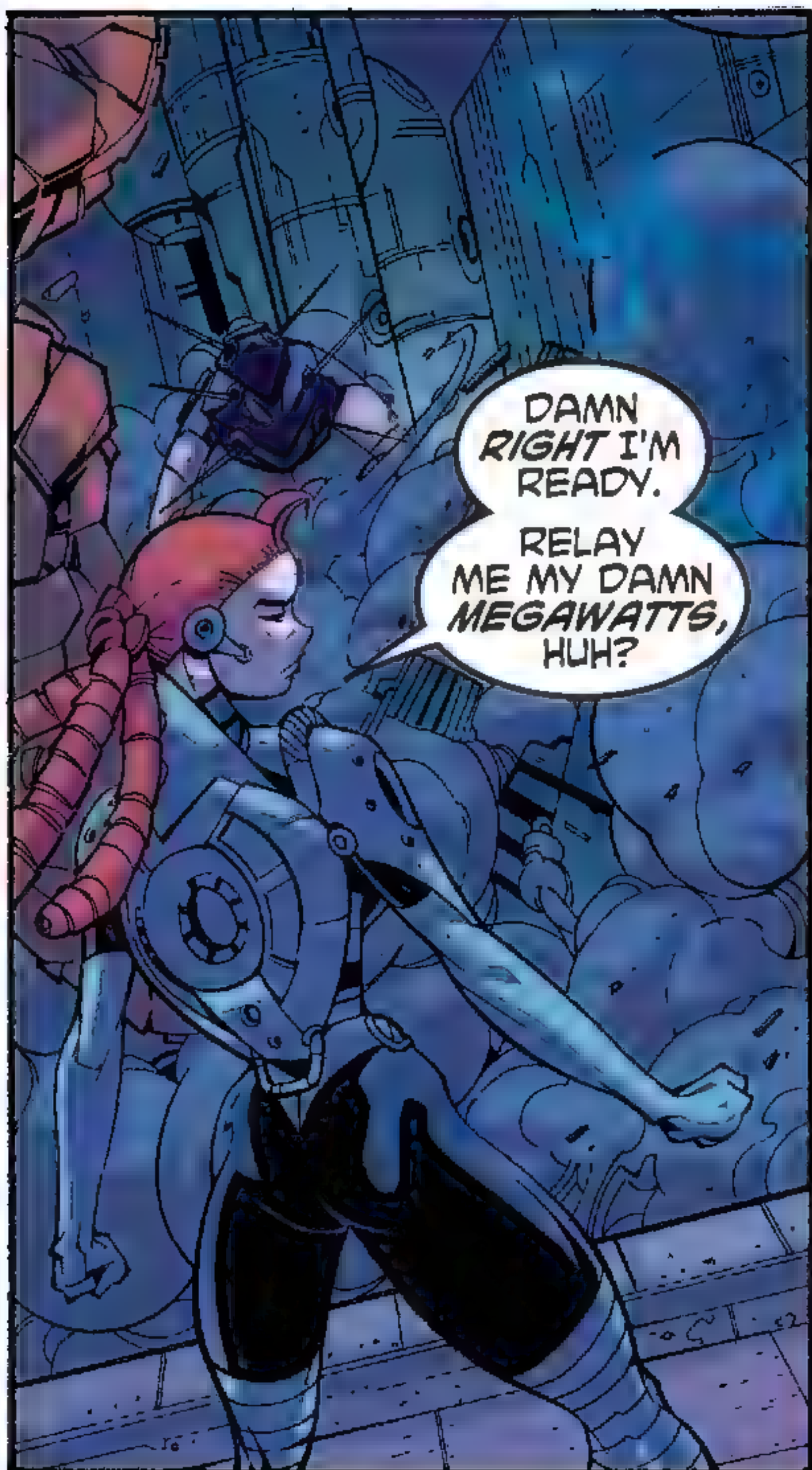
TOOK
IN' LONG
ENOUGH, YA
ELASTIC-BRAINED
ER--!



MY WEE,
HYPERCONNECTED
NEURONS HAVE GRANTED
ME AN INSIGHT AS TO
HOW WE MIGHT JUST BE
ABLE TO MESS UP THIS
FUNCTIONALLY
INVULNERABLE
CRITTER...

...BUT WE'LL
NEED SOME
LITERAL FIREPOWER
FROM JONATHA... IS
SHE READY FOR
MEGA-SCALE
ACTIVITY
AGAIN...?

**KSHANGG
KSHANGG**



DAMN
RIGHT I'M
READY.

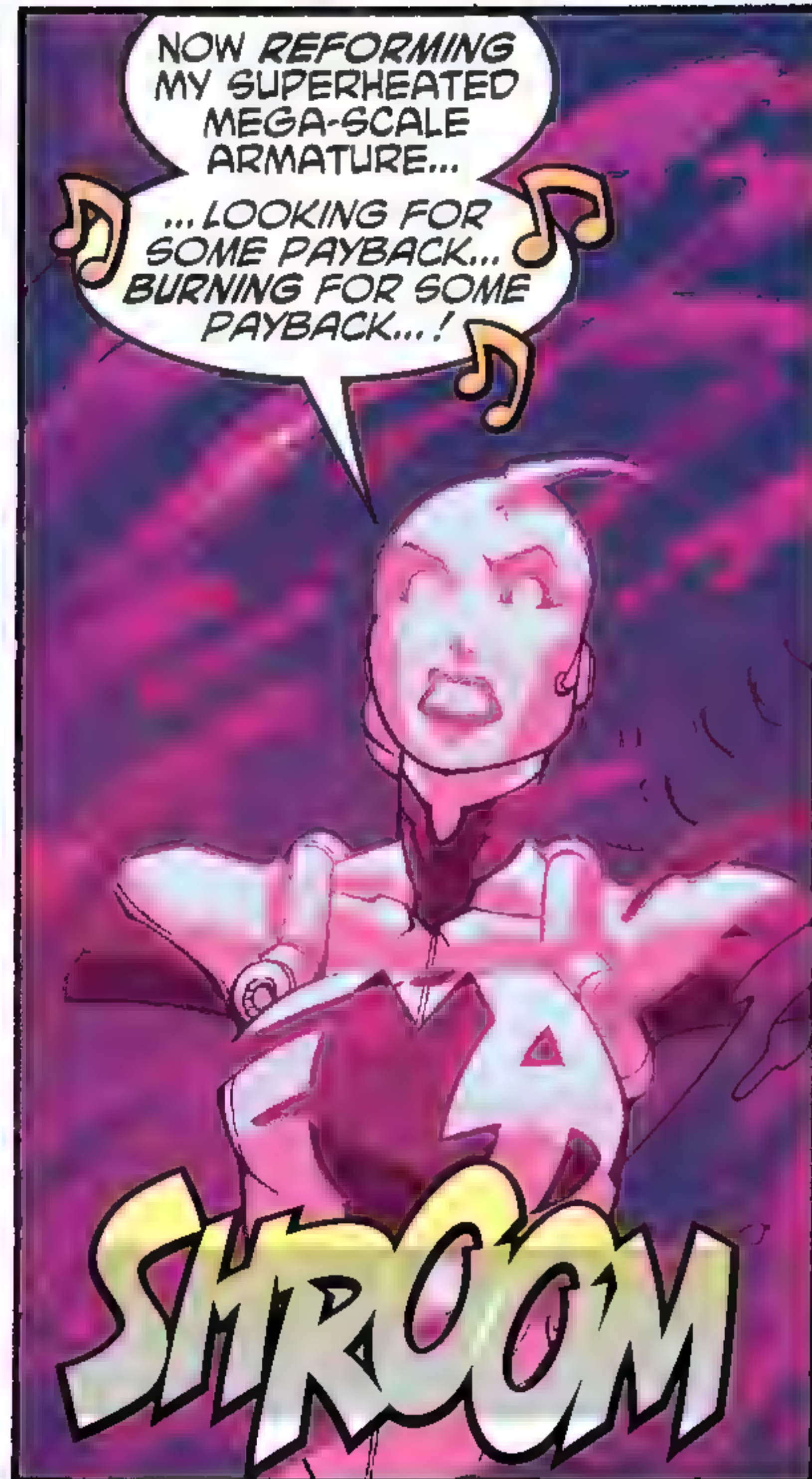
RELAY
ME MY DAMN
MEGAWATTS,
HUH?



ALICIA, JACK UP THE POWER
FEED TRANSMITTERS TO MAX
OUTPUT, AND HOOK
JONATHA UP...!

YES,
SIR!

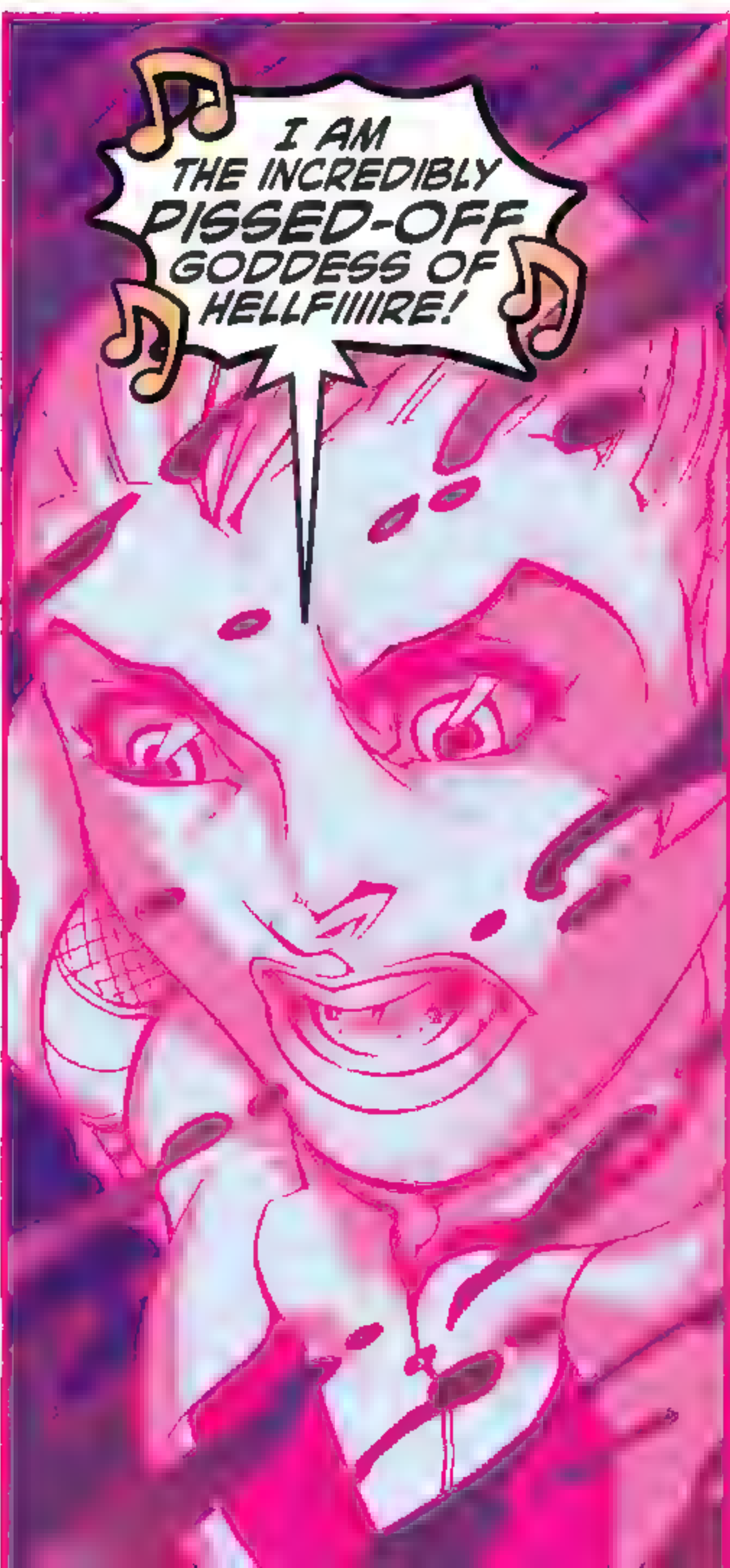
AND UPLOAD
THE NEW TACTICAL
PROFILE I'VE DEVISED
TO THEIR HEADS-UP
DISPLAYS...



NOW REFORMING
MY SUPERHEATED
MEGA-SCALE
ARMATURE...

...LOOKING FOR
SOME PAYBACK...
BURNING FOR SOME
PAYBACK...!

SHROOM



I AM
THE INCREDIBLY
PISSSED-OFF
GODDESS OF
HELLFIRE!



JONATHA,
PREP FOR FIRE
SUPPORT...

...BENJAMIN
AND SIOUX, ENGAGE
THE BOGEY AS PER THE
TAC PROFILE...



...AND
BENJAMIN, BE
READY FOR
ASSIMILATIVE
ATTACK ON THE
BOGEY...!

YEAH,
BOIIIE!



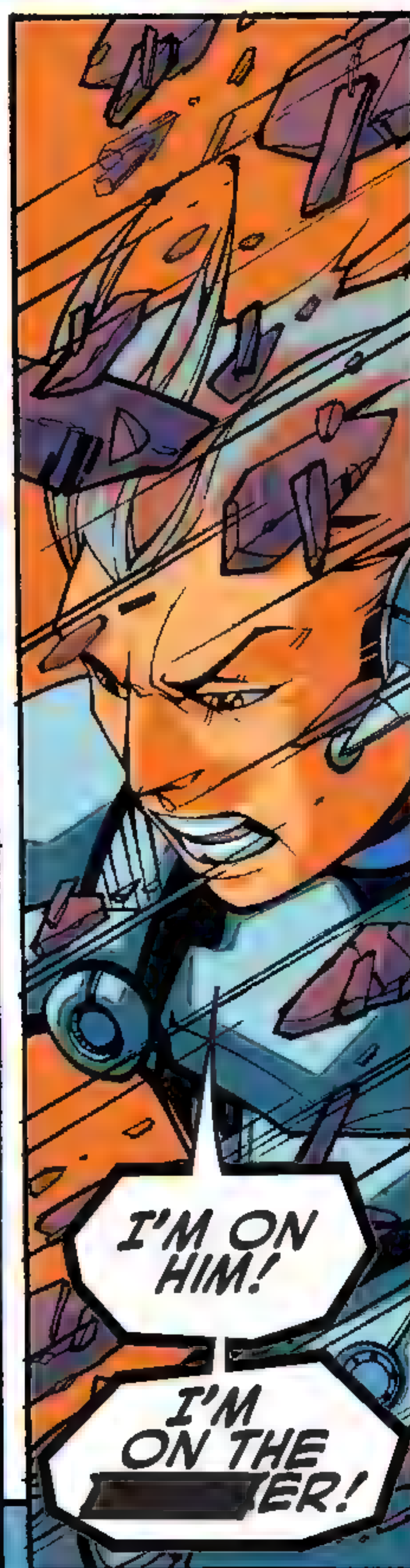
SCREW IT.
RETASK ALL THE
BUILDING'S TOKAMAK
REACTORS TO PUMPING
ENERGY TO THEIR
METATALENT
AUGMENTATION
SUITS...

... 'CAUSE IF
THIS MEGA-SCALE
PLOY DOESN'T WORK,
ANNIHILUS WILL BE
LIVING UP TO HIS CODE
NAME AND VAPORIZING
US ALL WITHIN A
MINUTE OR
TWO...!



I'M
SORRY.

SKRANG



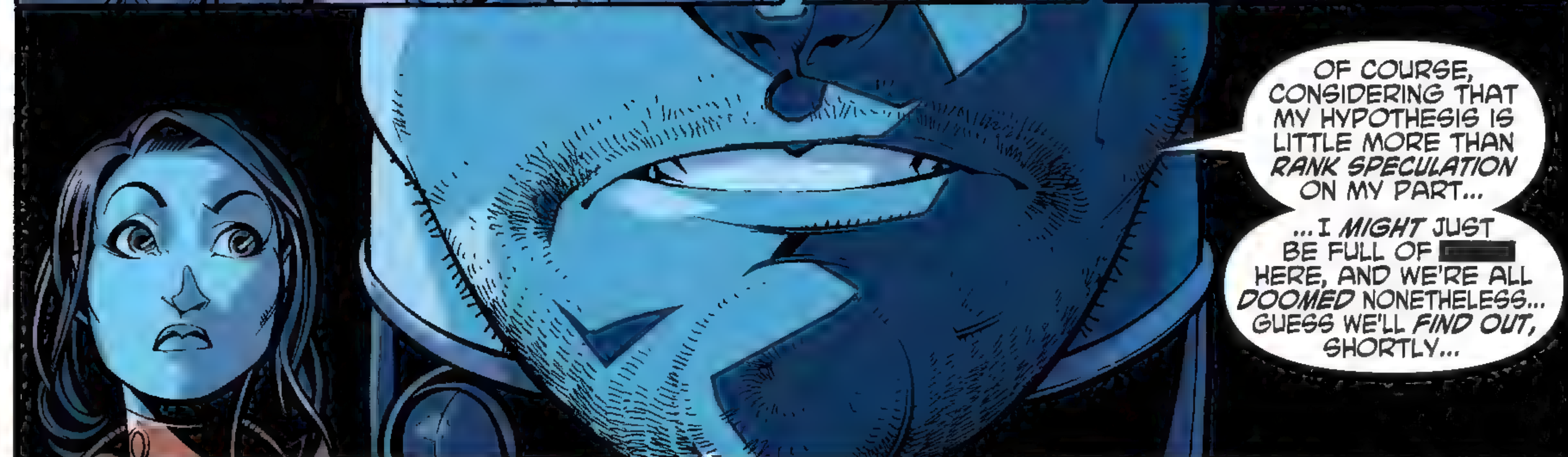
I'M ON
HIM!

I'M
ON THE
TER!



THNKK

GOT YA.
WAD!



OF COURSE,
CONSIDERING THAT
MY HYPOTHESIS IS
LITTLE MORE THAN
RANK SPECULATION
ON MY PART...

...I MIGHT JUST
BE FULL OF [REDACTED]
HERE, AND WE'RE ALL
DOOMED NONETHELESS...
GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT,
SHORTLY...



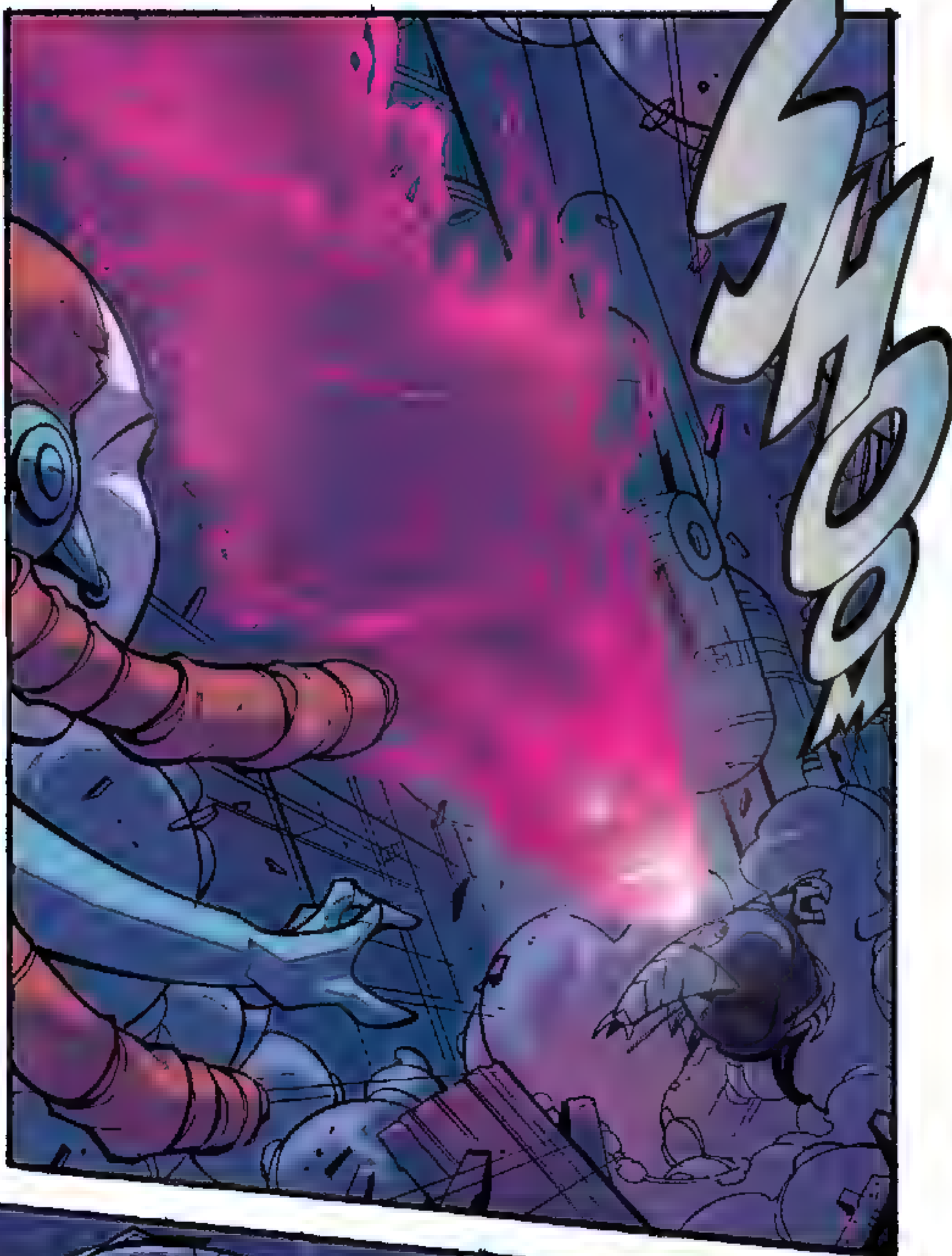
ASSIMILATING
A NEW ARM
OUTTA THIS
POOR **ER**'S
CHEST--
YEAH!

HOW'S THAT FEEL,
ER?

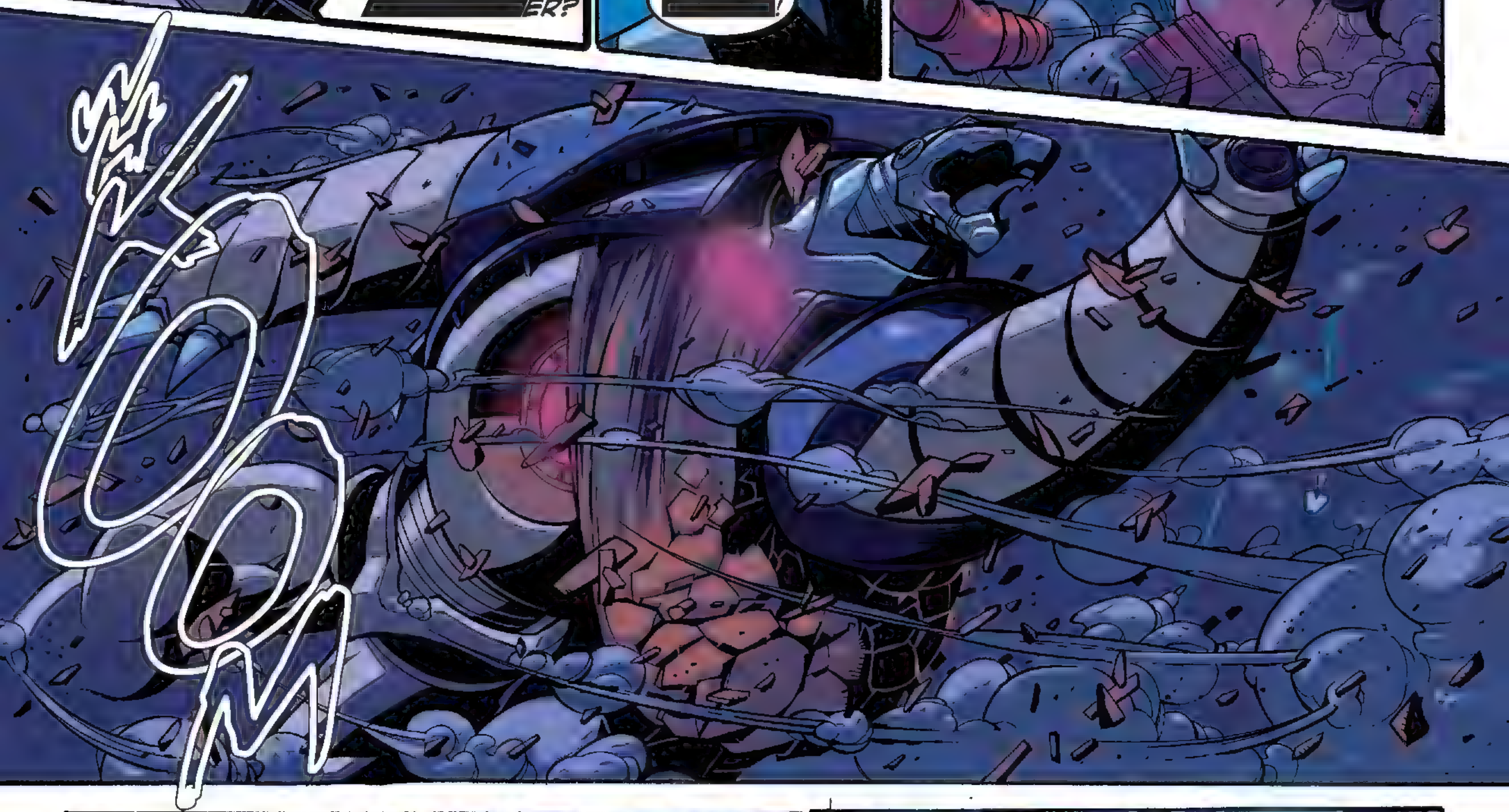


JONATHA!
NOW!

HIT THE



SHO



NOW, BENJAMIN-- OPEN
THE ASSIMILATED
MATERIAL OF YOUR
NEW HAND--



--BREACH
THE COSMIC
ROD'S OUTER
SHELL--!



KKK

FZZK



RMBB

RMBB

RMBB



WHEW!

AH.

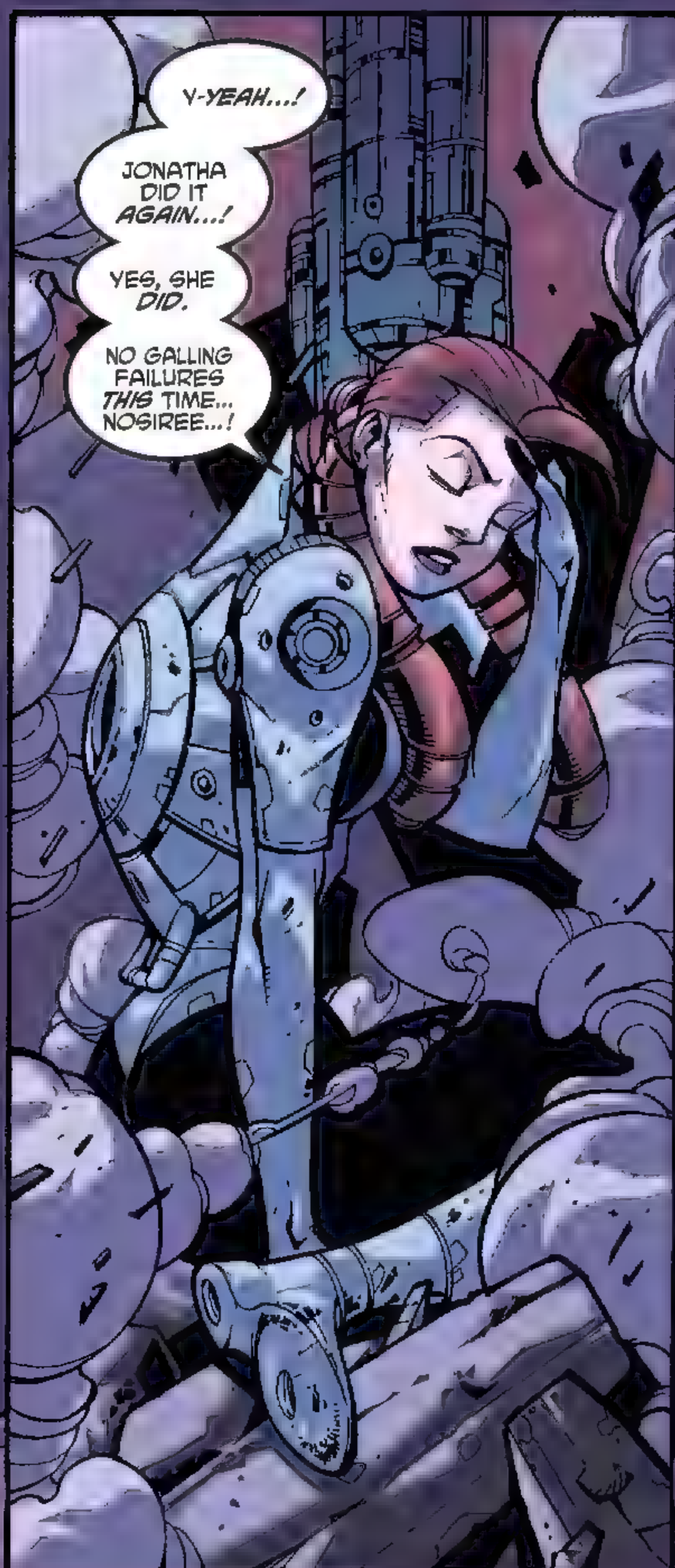
BREACHING
THAT COSMIC ROD'S
SHELL WORKED AS I
THOUGHT IT MIGHT... OR
HOPED IT MIGHT, MORE
ACCURATELY...



WITHOUT HIS
DEUS EX MACHINA
GADGET FUNCTIONING
CORRECTLY, OUR
XENOCULTURE FRIEND
COULDN'T WARP IN AN
INTACT BODY FROM
ANOTHER
UNIVERSE...

...INSTEAD,
ALL HIS **RUINED**
INCARNATIONS ENDED
UP HERE... **WITHOUT**
LIVING UP TO HIS NAME
AND **ANNIHILATING**
US ALL IN THE
PROCESS...

...NOT
TOO **SHABBY**,
PEOPLE.



Y-YEAH...!

JONATHA
DID IT
AGAIN...!

YES, SHE
DID.

NO GALLING
FAILURES
THIS TIME...
NOSIRE...!



....



J-JEEZ...!

EVERYTHING'S
ALL, UM... ALL
R-RUINED...!

D-DID WE,
UH... DID WE
DO OKAY,
SIR...!

HELL, YEAH,
WE DID OKAY,
BENJAMIN. SOME
MESSINESS IS TO BE
EXPECTED, WHEN YOU'RE
FIGHTING OFF MEGA-
SCALE XENOCULTURE
ATTACKS...!

HEY, AGATHA...
DISPATCH THE
XENOTECH SALVAGE
CREWS, HUH? THIS POOR
FELLA'S MANIFOLD
CORPSES SHOULD
YIELD SOME
FASCINATING
INSIGHTS...

YES,
SIR!

... WE MIGHT
LEARN SOMETHING
THAT MIGHT COME IN
HANDY...

... WHEN THE
NEXT HOSTILE
BOGEY SHOWS
UP...

STAN LEE
PRESENTS:

RESPONSE
TEAM

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VROOM

WHUPWHUPWHUPWHUP

RMMMM

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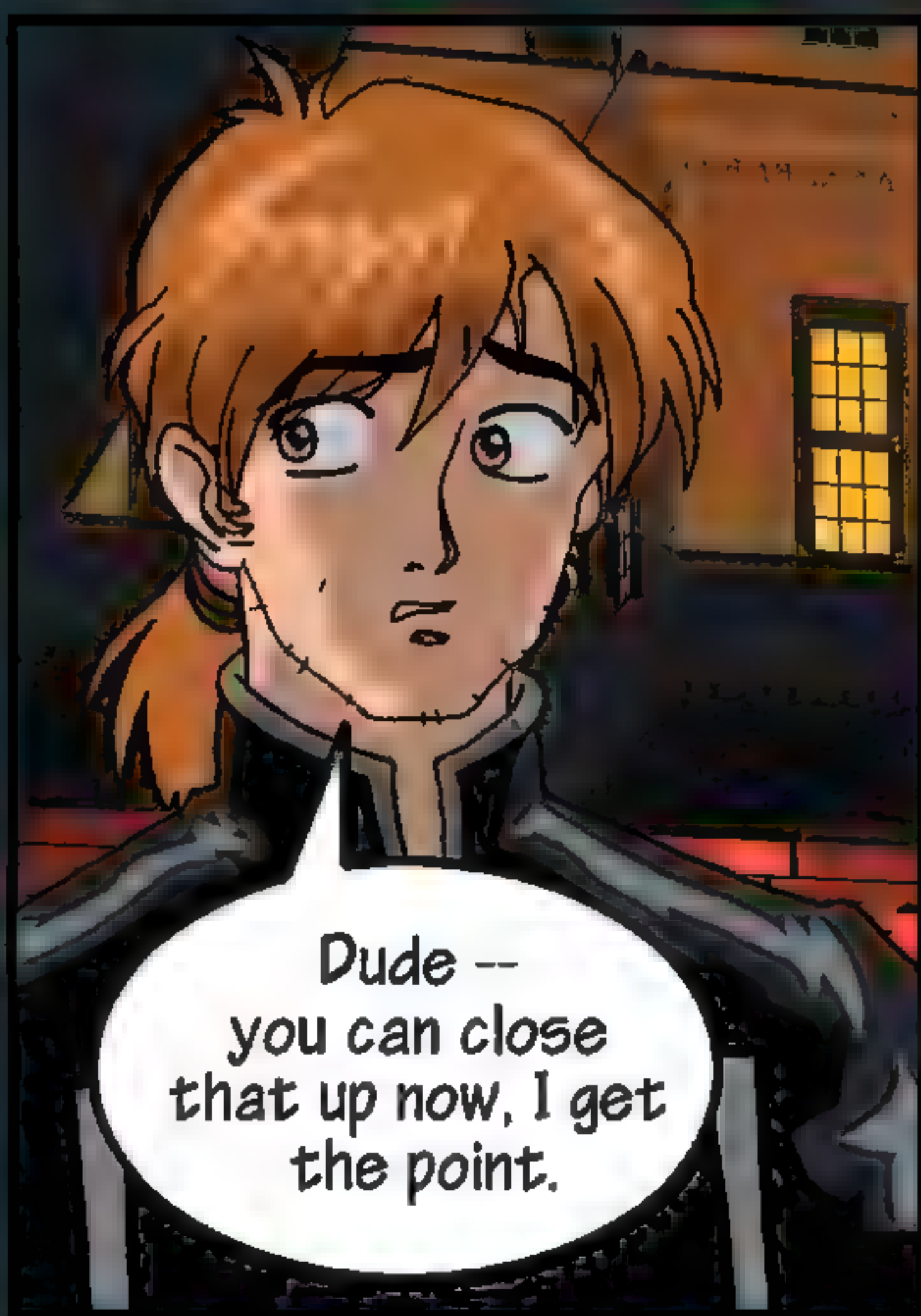
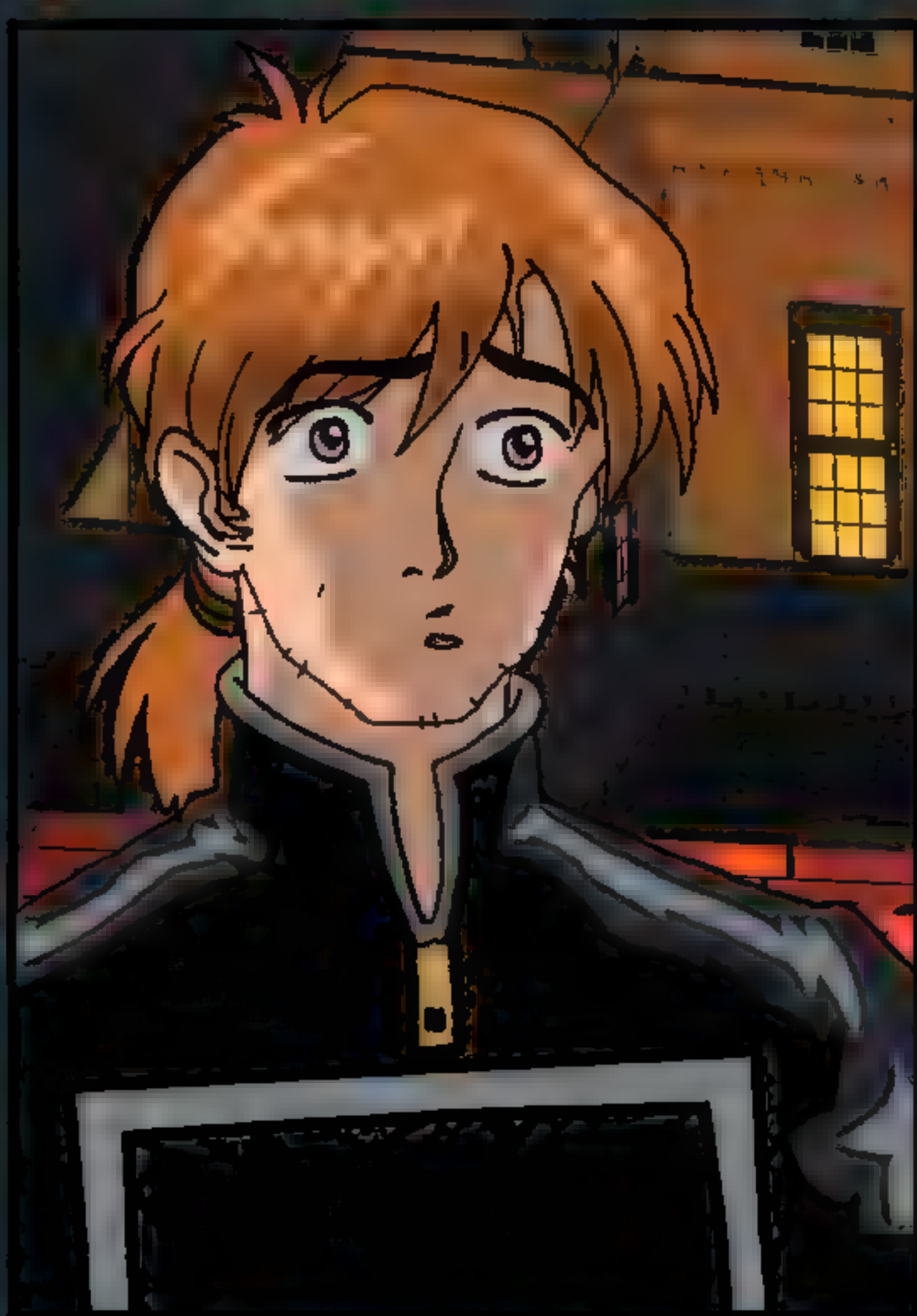
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FLIP

It's always
one damn thing
after another
in this city.



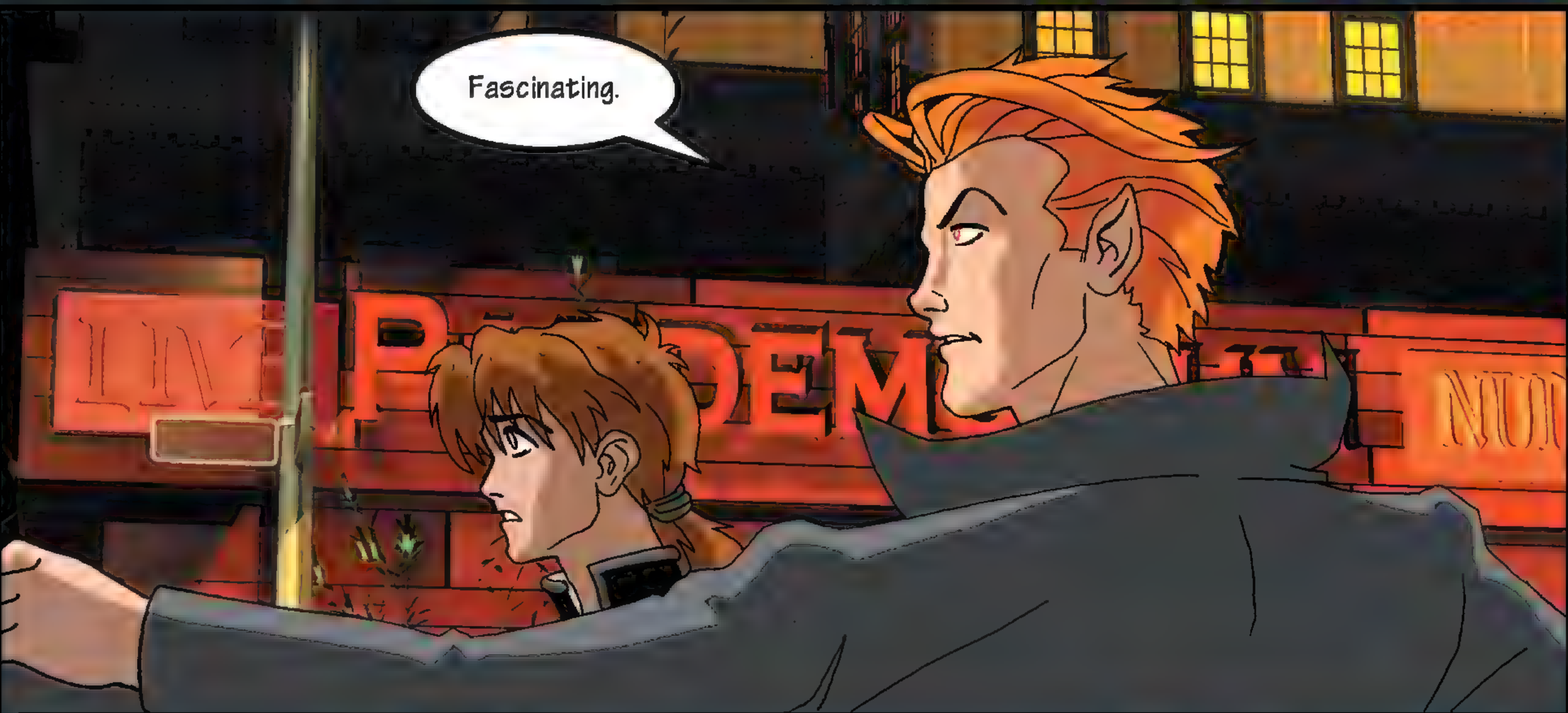








GOOOOOEEY!



Fascinating.

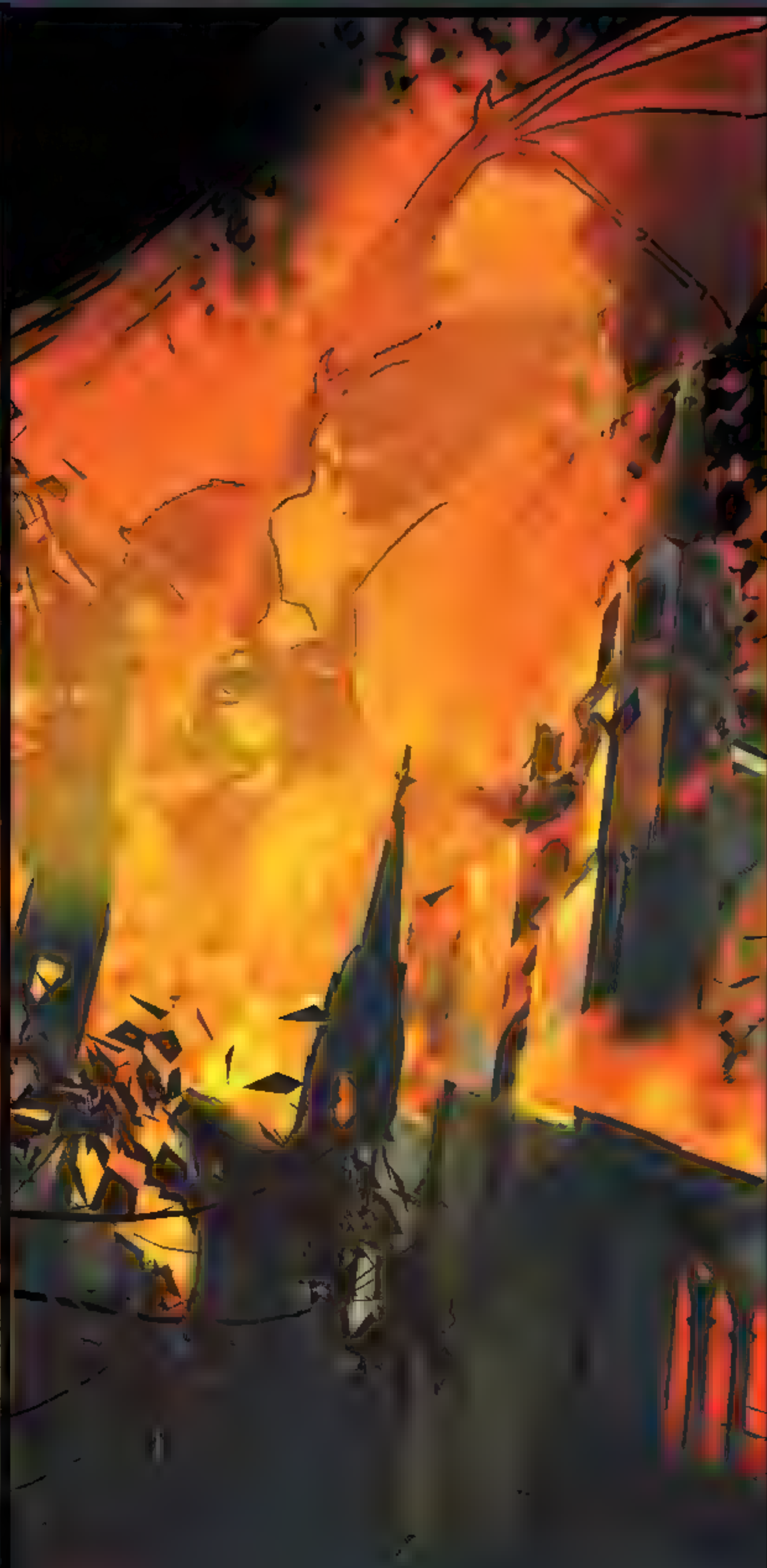
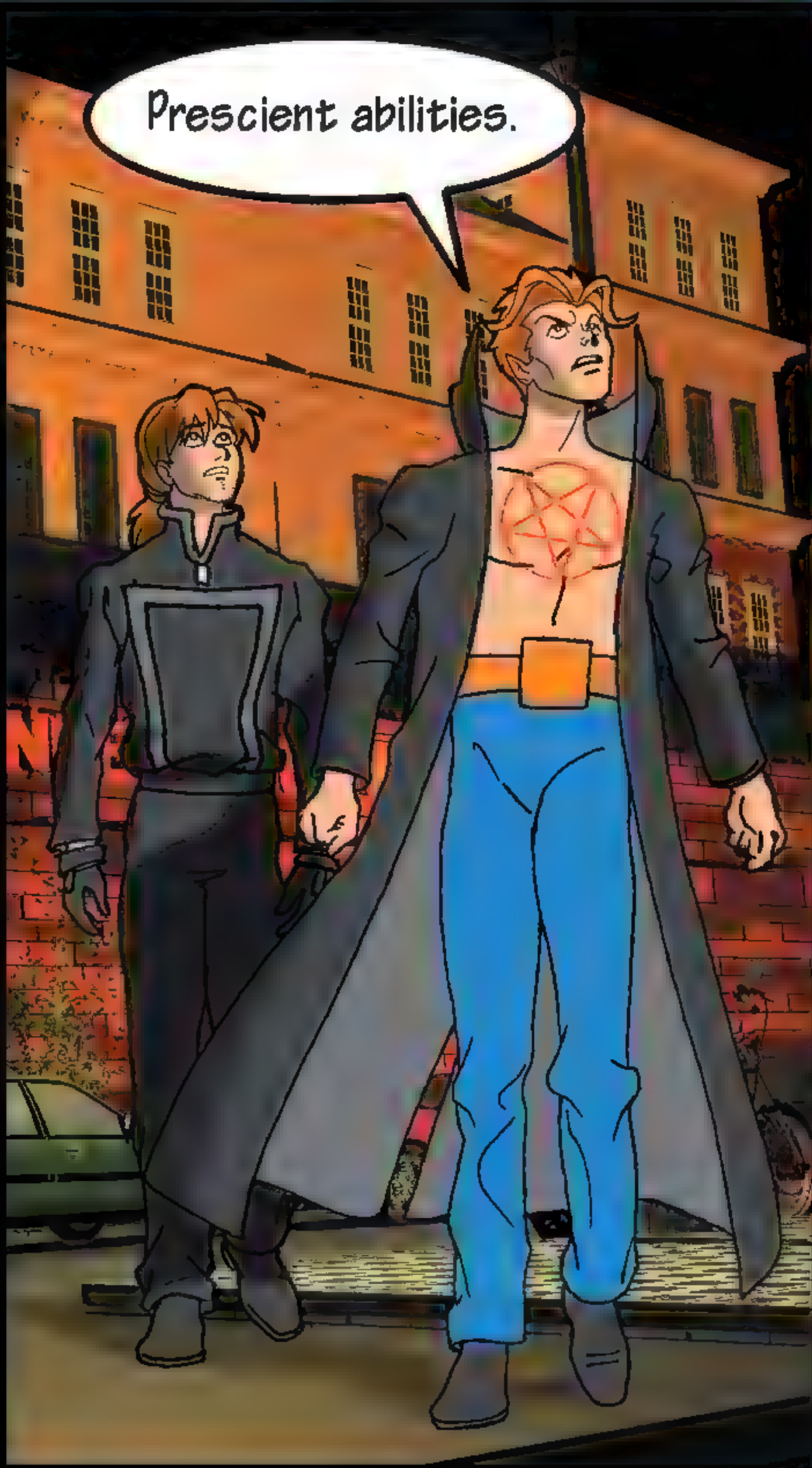
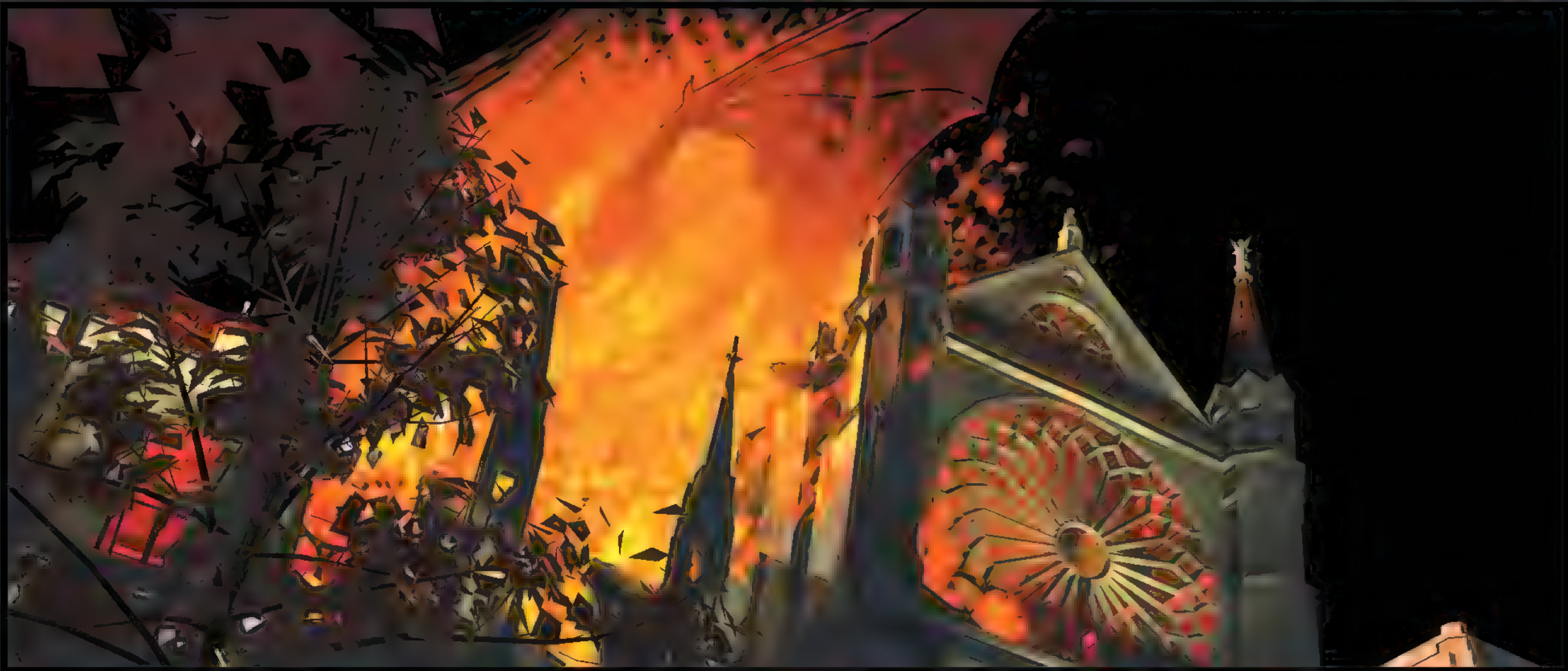


Look, Damon, don't call me anymore, okay? I understand what it's like to feel lonely -- without family -- but -- and don't take this the wrong way -- but you're a nut-job. Satan's not our father...



Someone's coming.







STRANGE
HAPPENINGS!



HI, DAMON!

You're in
soooooo much
trouble.



Mother of God.

SONS OF
SATAN



You know her?

She's our
sister. Satana.



She's our ---

Wait a minute.
Don't drag me
into this.



Oh, come on!
How often do
you get to fight
the scion of
the devil?







BRING IT!

FWOOME



Cool.



Man, I bet I look bad-ass right now. Even the skull-face is kinda growing on me.

And you know, your sister's kinda hot in a disturbing, Halloween sort of way ...

OUR sister.

And, no. She is evil. She has evil ways. She is an evildoer. She does evil.

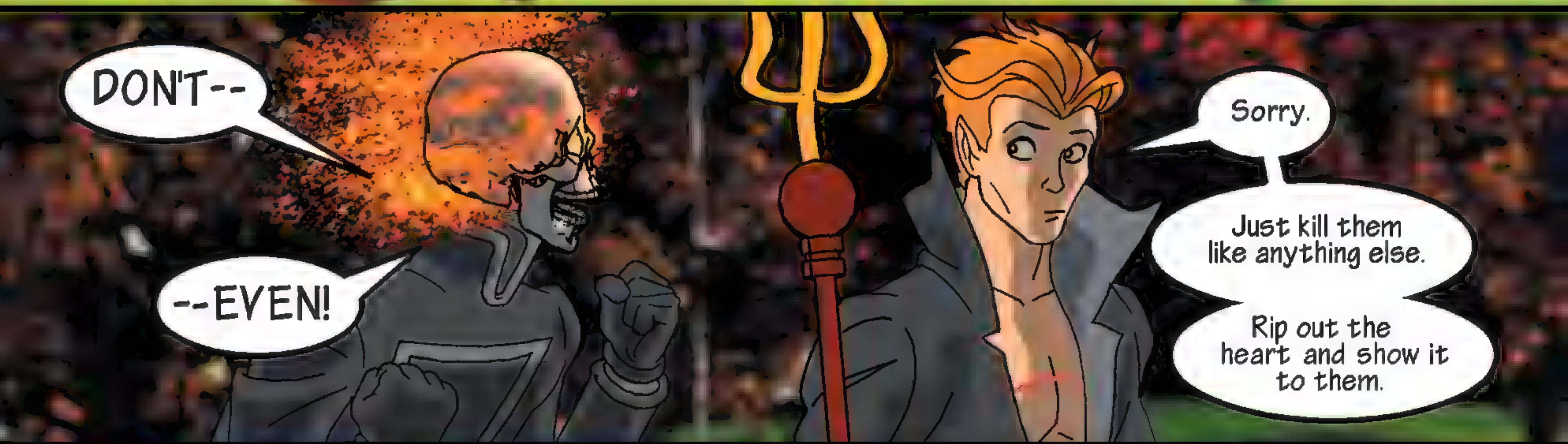
Evil. Evil. Evil.



So she was mean to you as a kid.

I don't want to talk about it.

Besides --





Eating the heart is optional.



Yeah, I'll pass on that, thanks.



Satana and I spent many a lazy summer afternoon idling down by the lake of fire impaling lesser demons.

Eating hearts.



Drinking blood.

A rare fond memory.

I ate snails in a French restaurant, once.



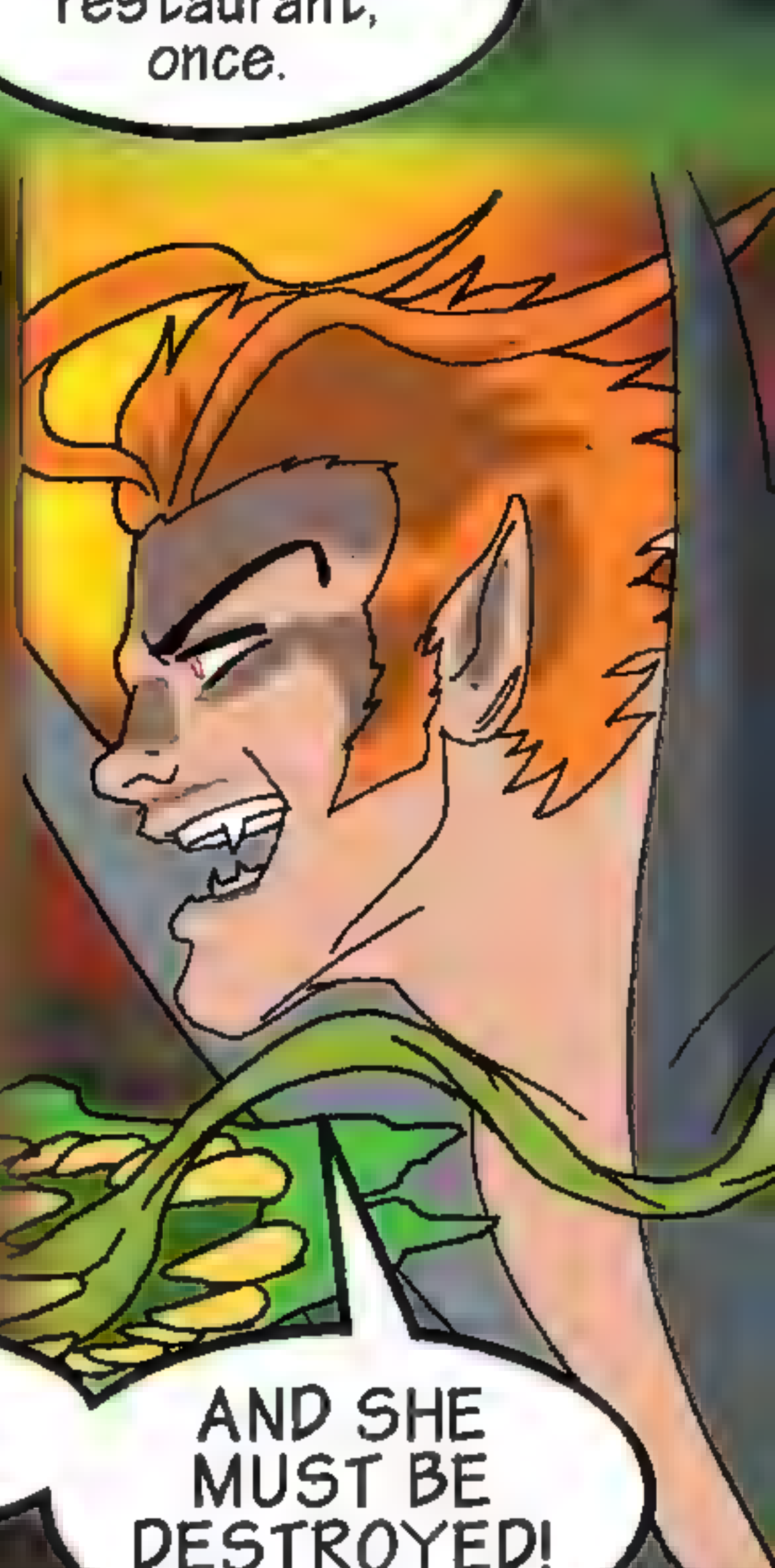
Don't tire yourself!

Remember our true foe still lies ahead.



Your sister.

OUR sister!

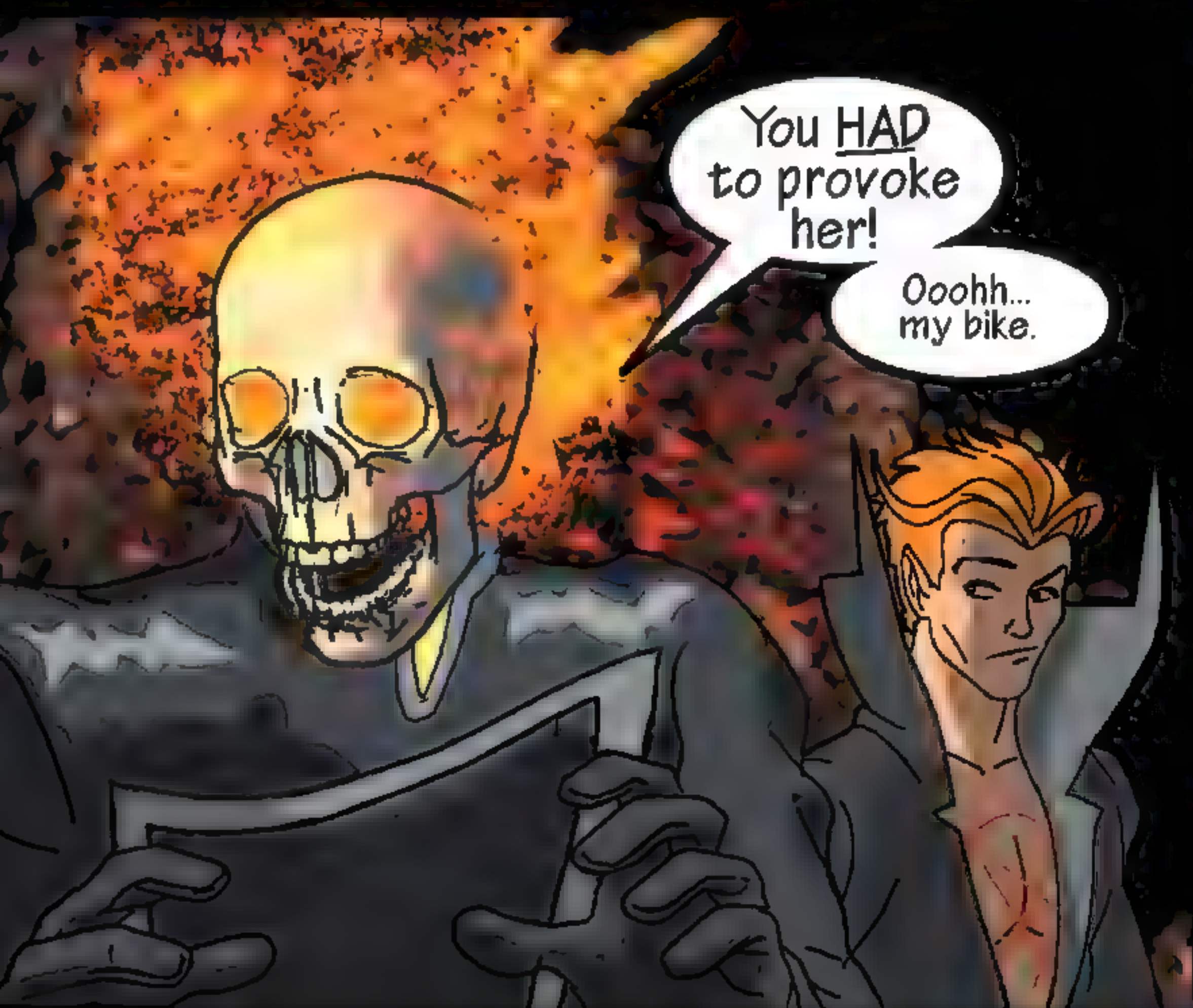


AND SHE MUST BE DESTROYED!

YOU'RE gonna destroy ME?









DAMON?!



Much more
fascinating
when it's
happening to
someone
else.



He was always
so mean to me
growing up.



YOU
THINK HE'S
SORRY
NOW?!

If I must
die--then
let it be in
battle.



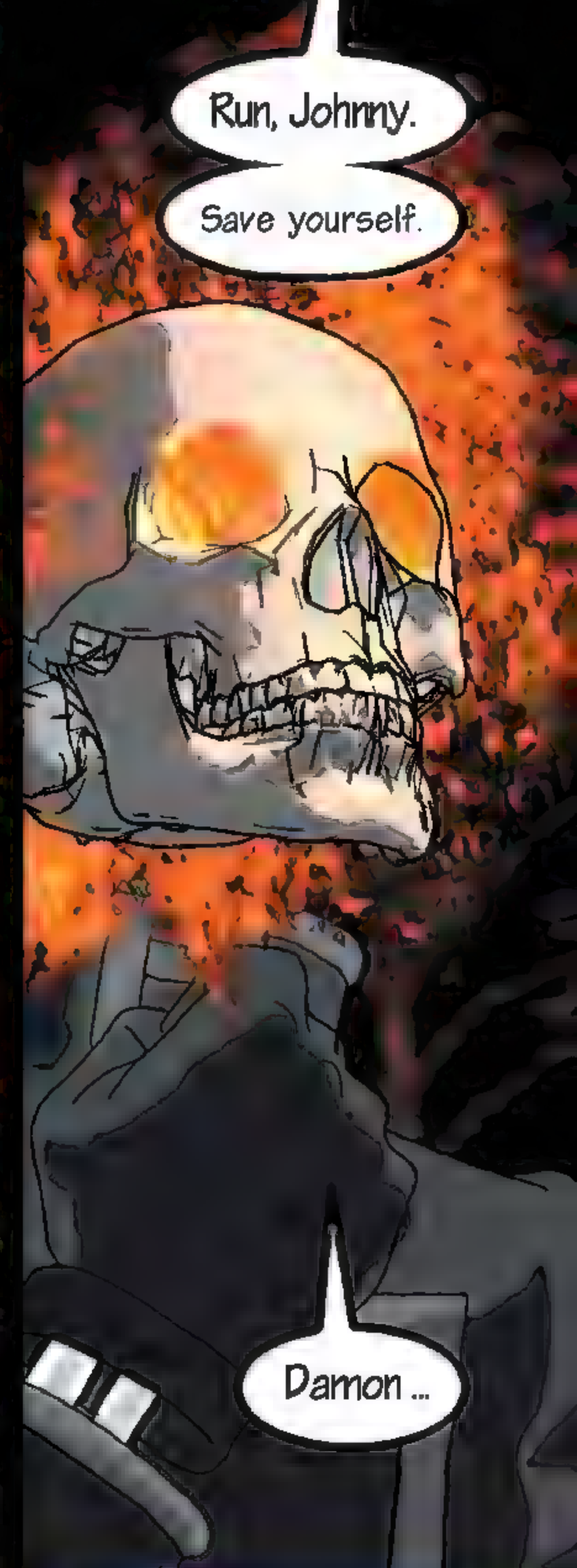
Run, Johnny.

She came to kill you,
not me. I selfishly
put you in danger by
revealing your true
heritage.



I'm sorry.

I just
wanted
a brother
so badly.



Run, Johnny.

Save yourself.

Damon ...



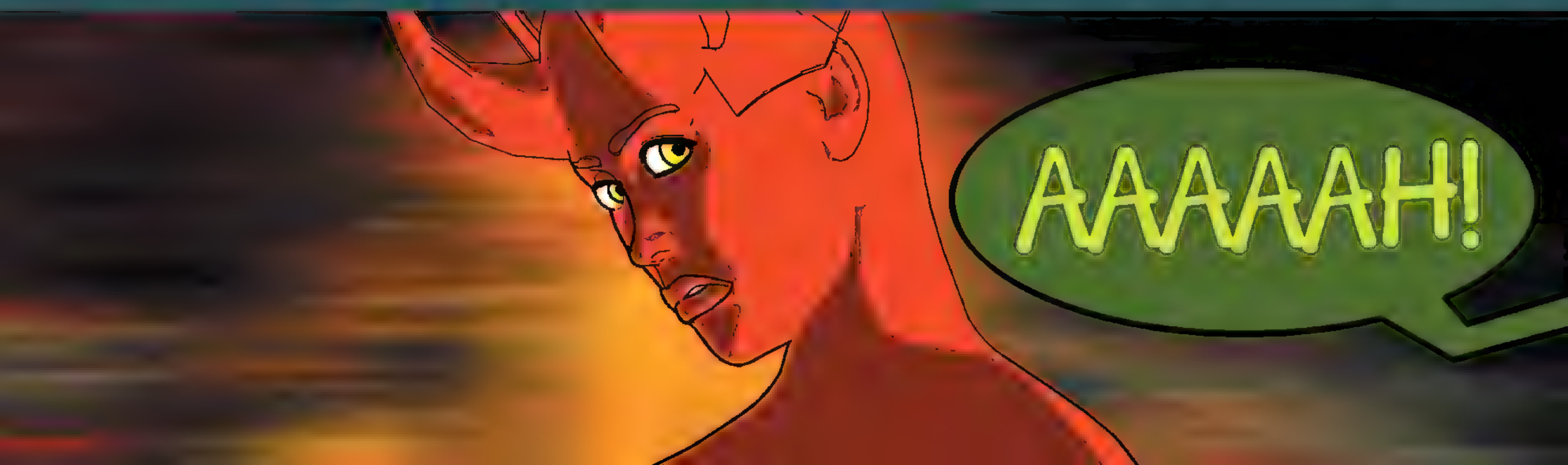
STOMP!



Okay,
bonehead.

You ready
for yours?









Of course I'm all right.

Brother.

AAAAHHH!

Wow.

Wish I had some popcorn.



Well, Johnny, are you prepared to accept your heritage?

No. But it's hard to deny, isn't it?



Indeed.



Soooo ...

You wanna go get some coffee?

I think that would be lovely.



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BYAHAAHAAHAAA!

STOPPPPP!

I... I
CAN'T TAKE IT
ANY... ANY...

HAAAAAAHHAHA!

... ANY
MORE OF...
OF THIS...

PUNISHMENT!

OH, THERE IS
MUCH MORE WHERE
THAT CAME FROM,
KUSUGUTAI, UNLESS
YOU --

IT
APPEARS WE HAVE
COMPANY.

THROUGH
HERE! WE'VE
FOUND
HIM!

THE TIP
WAS **ACCURATE!**
KUSUGUTAI IS BEING
TORTURED...

STAN LEE
PRESENTS

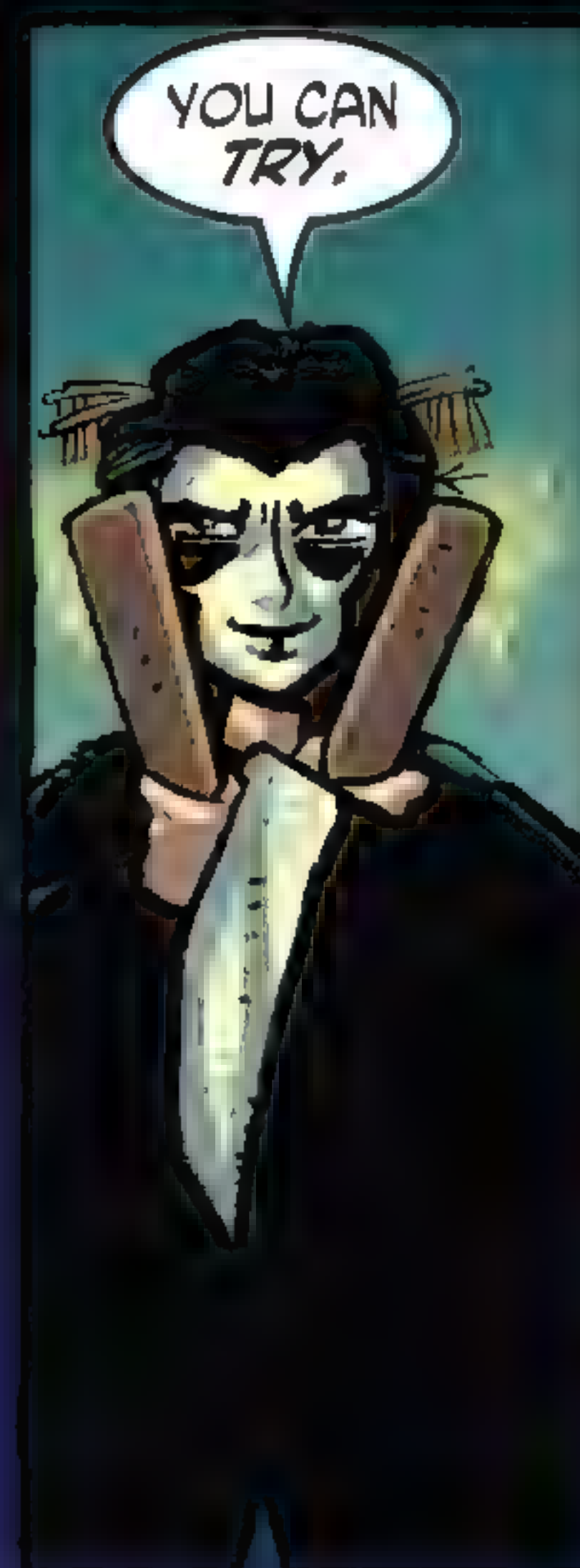
KIND TO BE CRUEL

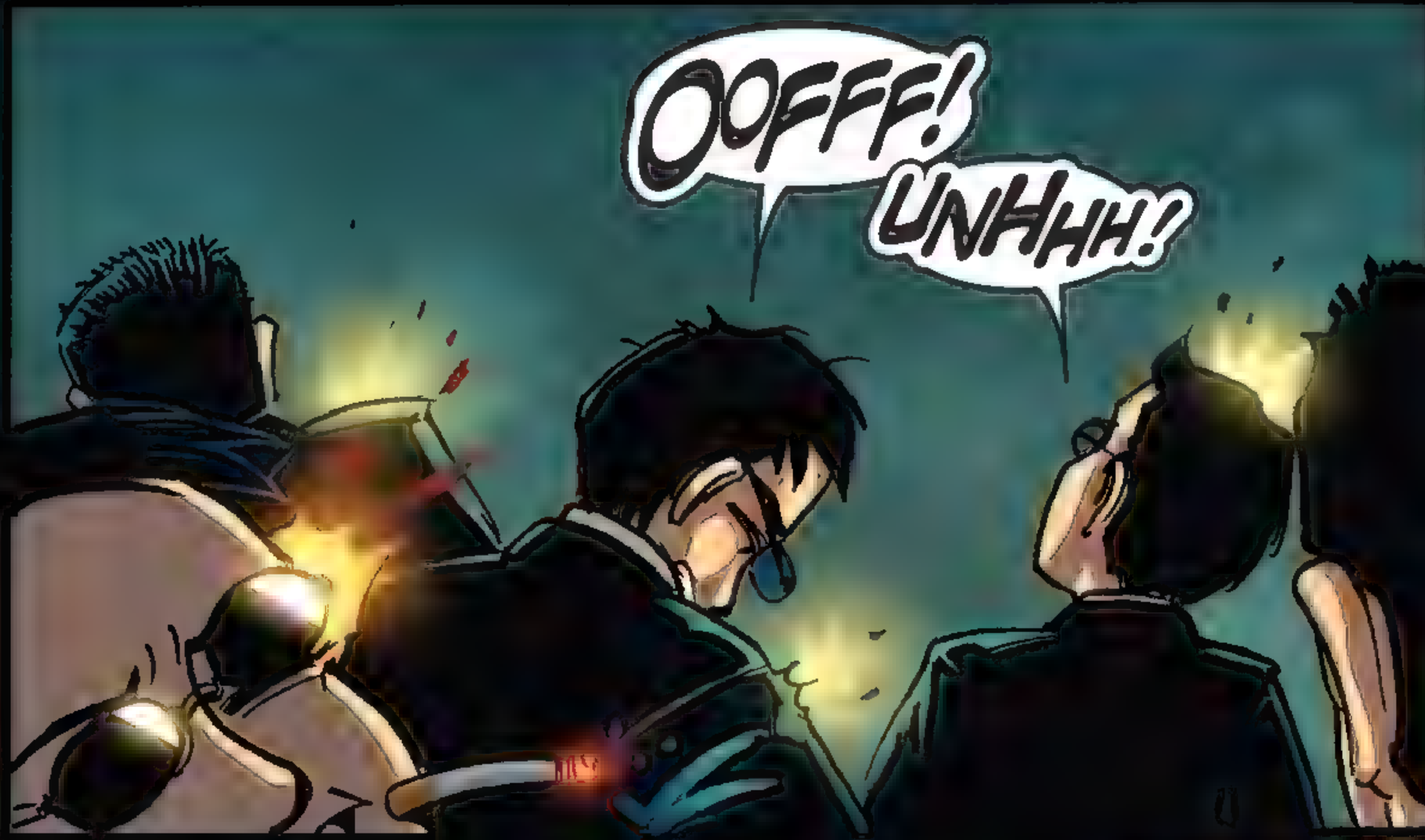
...BY THE
PUNISHER!



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TELLING THEM TO SHOOT ME... THAT *WASN'T* NICE, KUSUGUTAI. AND HERE I THOUGHT WE WERE COMING TO AN *UNDER-
STANDING*.

THIS SETBACK WILL REQUIRE... CHASTISEMENT.



THIS IS HURTING ME MORE THAN YOU!

I SERIOUSLY *AGGKKK* DOUBT THAT!



TRY DE-FLECTING *THIS*, YOU GEISHA FROM HELL!



BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA







TELL
THE SKANG
KEE CRIME
FAMILY TO GET
OUT OF TOKYO...
TO GO *BACK* TO
KOREA! OR ALL
THIS...



...THIS
WILL LOOK
LIKE A WALK IN A
TEA GARDEN
BEFORE *I'M*
DONE!



STOP SHOOTING!
YOU'RE JUST WASTING
BULLETS! SHE'S TOO
FAR AWAY!

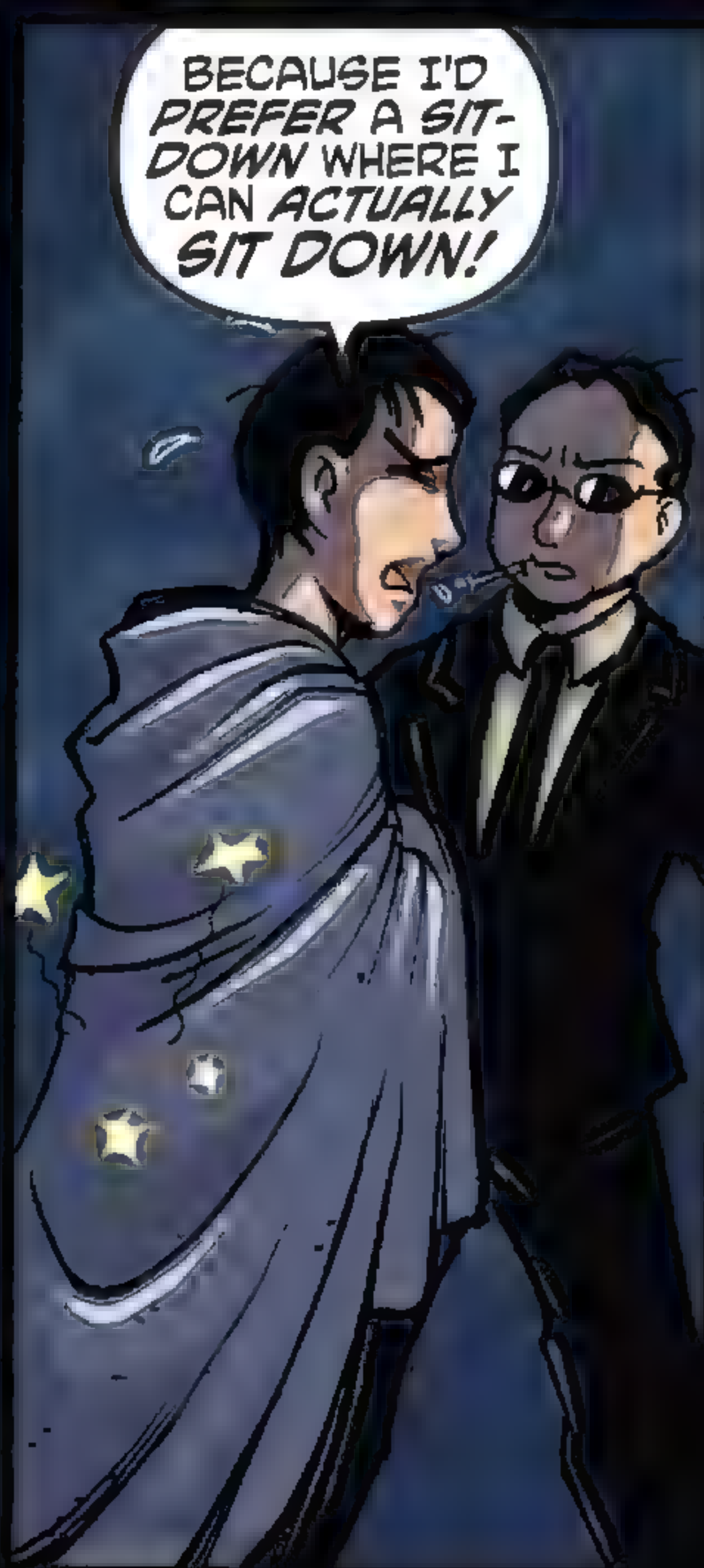
WHAT
SHALL WE DO,
KUSUGUTAI?
SHALL WE TRY
TO FOLLOW
HER...?



NO. THAT
WOMAN IS
LIKE A
BLASTED
GHOST!

INFORM THE BIG
BOSS THAT I MUST
MEET WITH HER. I'LL
ARRANGE A SIT-DOWN
FOR TOMORROW
NIGHT.

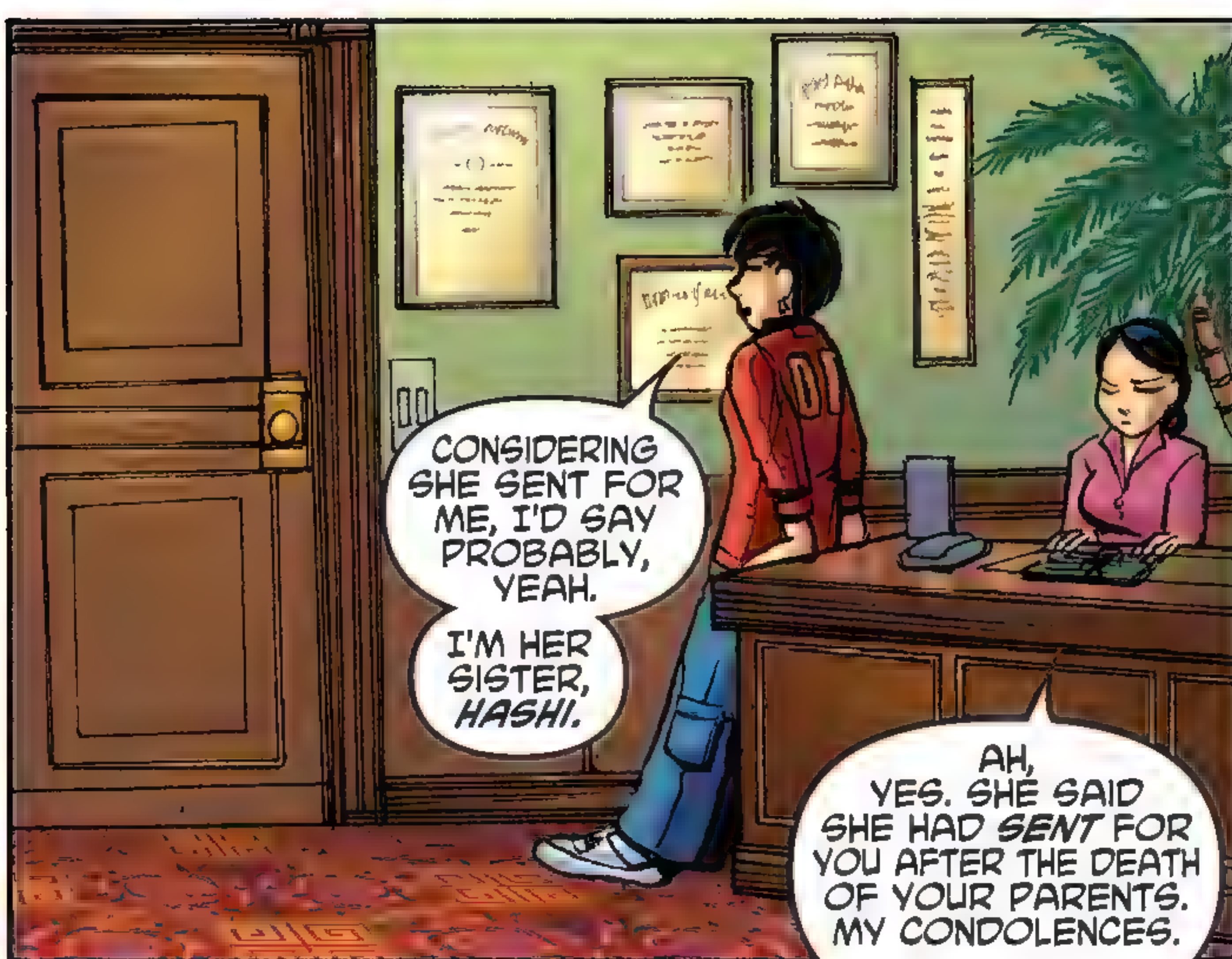
WHY NOT
SOONER?



BECAUSE I'D
**PREFER A SIT-
DOWN WHERE I
CAN ACTUALLY
SIT DOWN!**



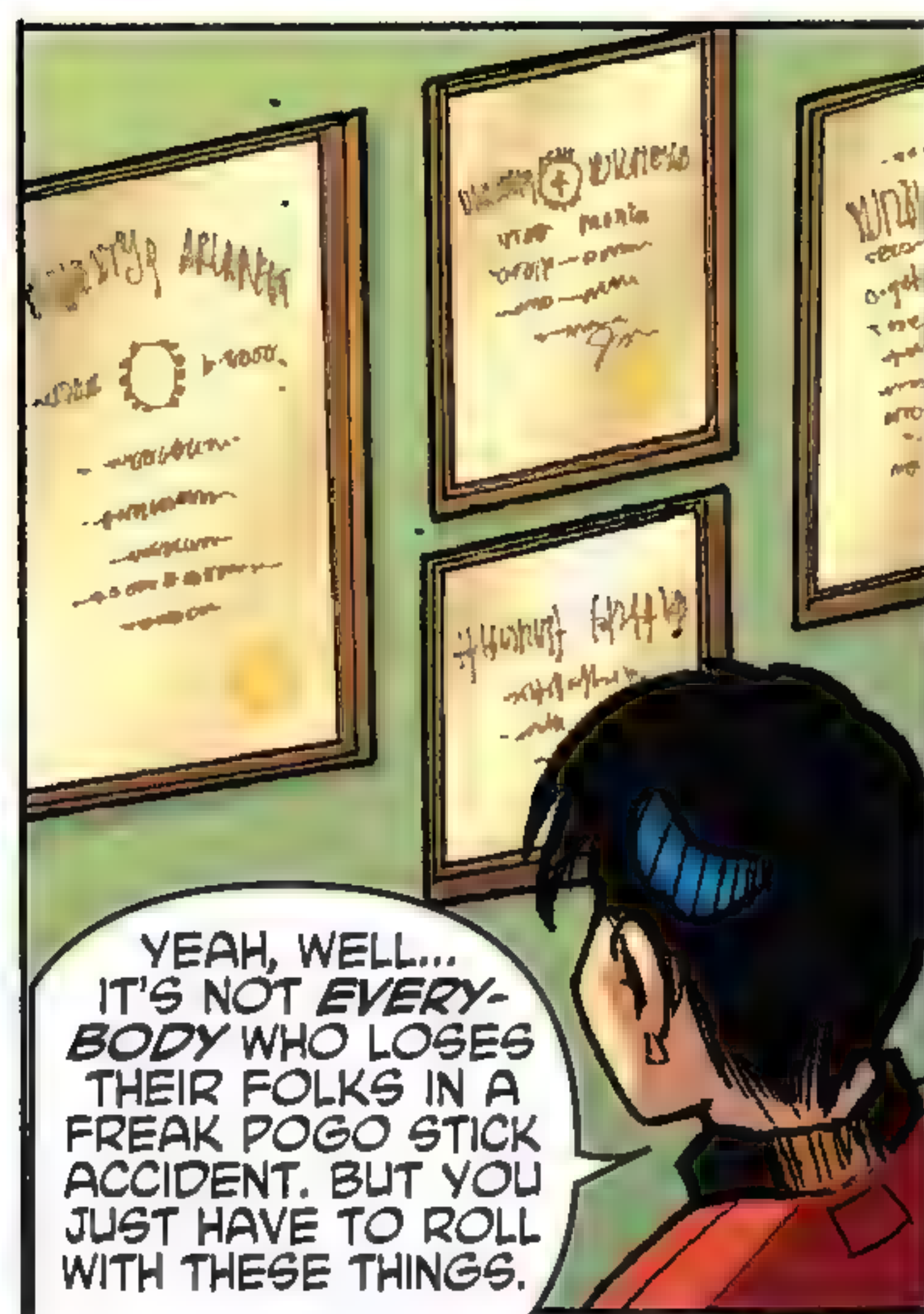
YES, MISS? IS PRINCIPAL BROWN EXPECTING YOU?



CONSIDERING SHE SENT FOR ME, I'D SAY PROBABLY, YEAH.

I'M HER SISTER, HASHI.

AH, YES. SHE SAID SHE HAD SENT FOR YOU AFTER THE DEATH OF YOUR PARENTS. MY CONDOLENCES.



YEAH, WELL... IT'S NOT *EVERYBODY* WHO LOSES THEIR FOLKS IN A FREAK POGO STICK ACCIDENT. BUT YOU JUST HAVE TO ROLL WITH THESE THINGS.

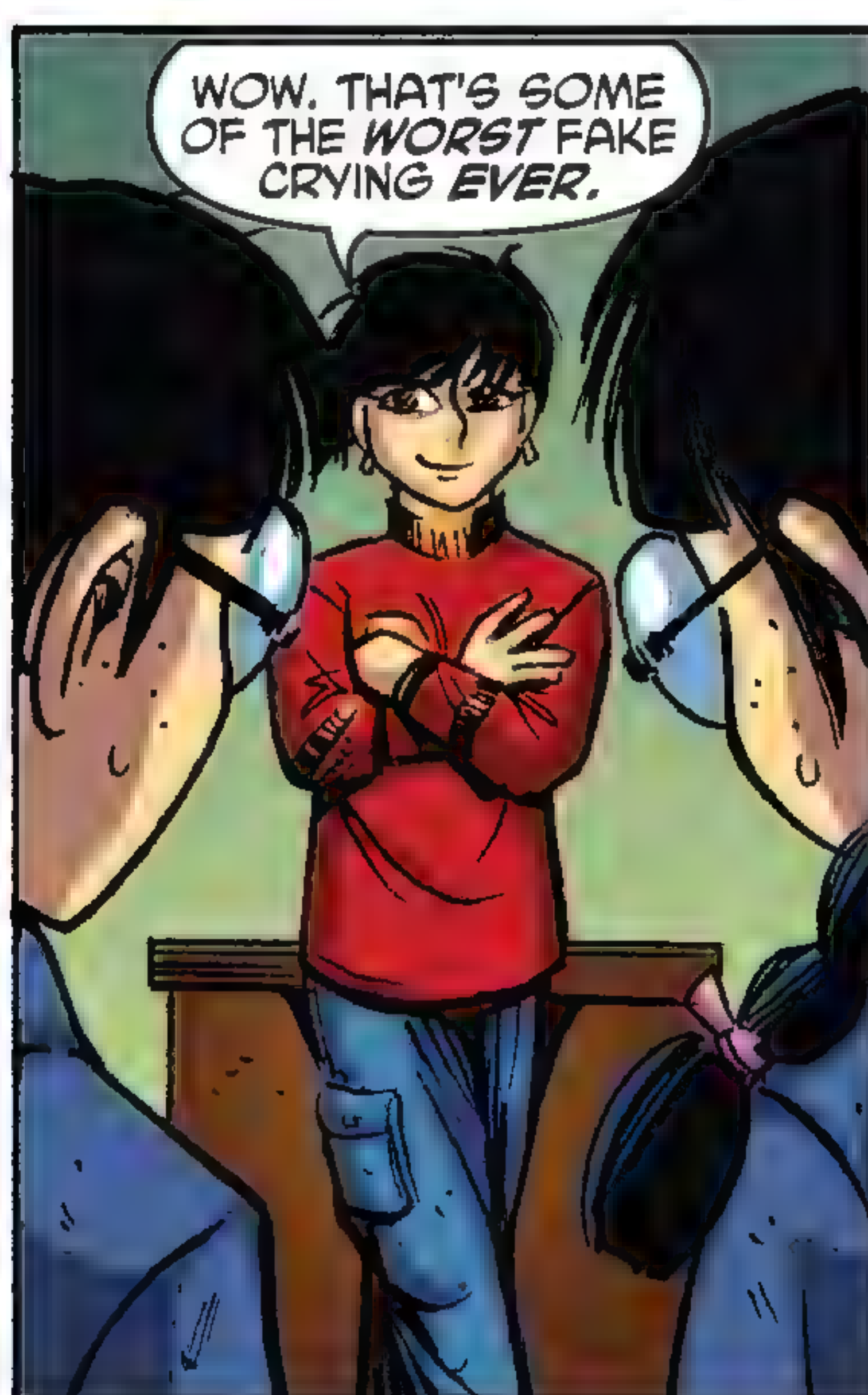


AND NEXT TIME PERHAPS YOU'LL THINK TWICE ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS... PARTICULARLY GETTING INTO FIGHTS.

WE'RE SORRY! WE'RE REAAAAALLY SORRY! RIGHT, MOKU?

RIGHT, BOKU! WE'VE LEARNED OUR LESSON THIS TIME!

WAAAAHHH!



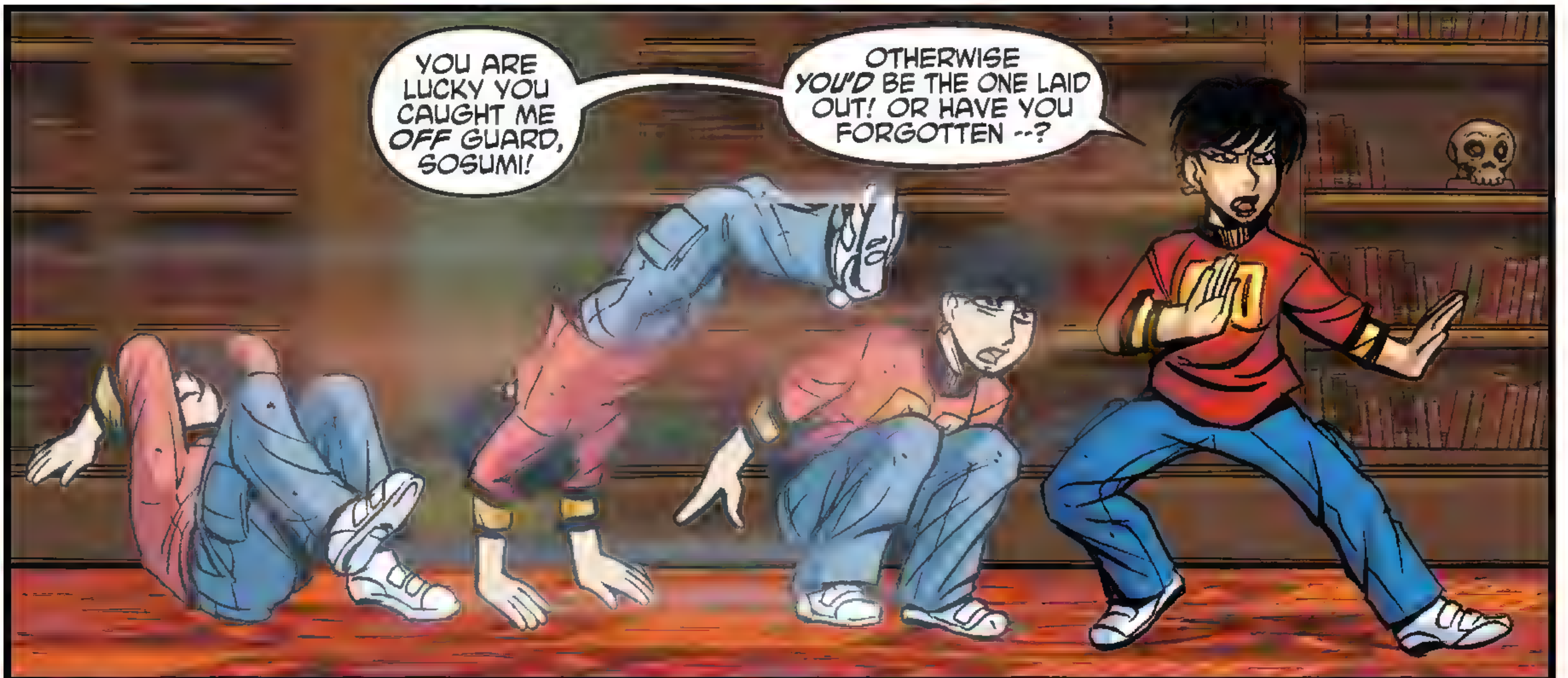
WOW. THAT'S SOME OF THE *WORST* FAKE CRYING *EVER*.



TOLD YOU. YOU'RE NOT TRYING.

AM TOO! HEY! *OUCH!*



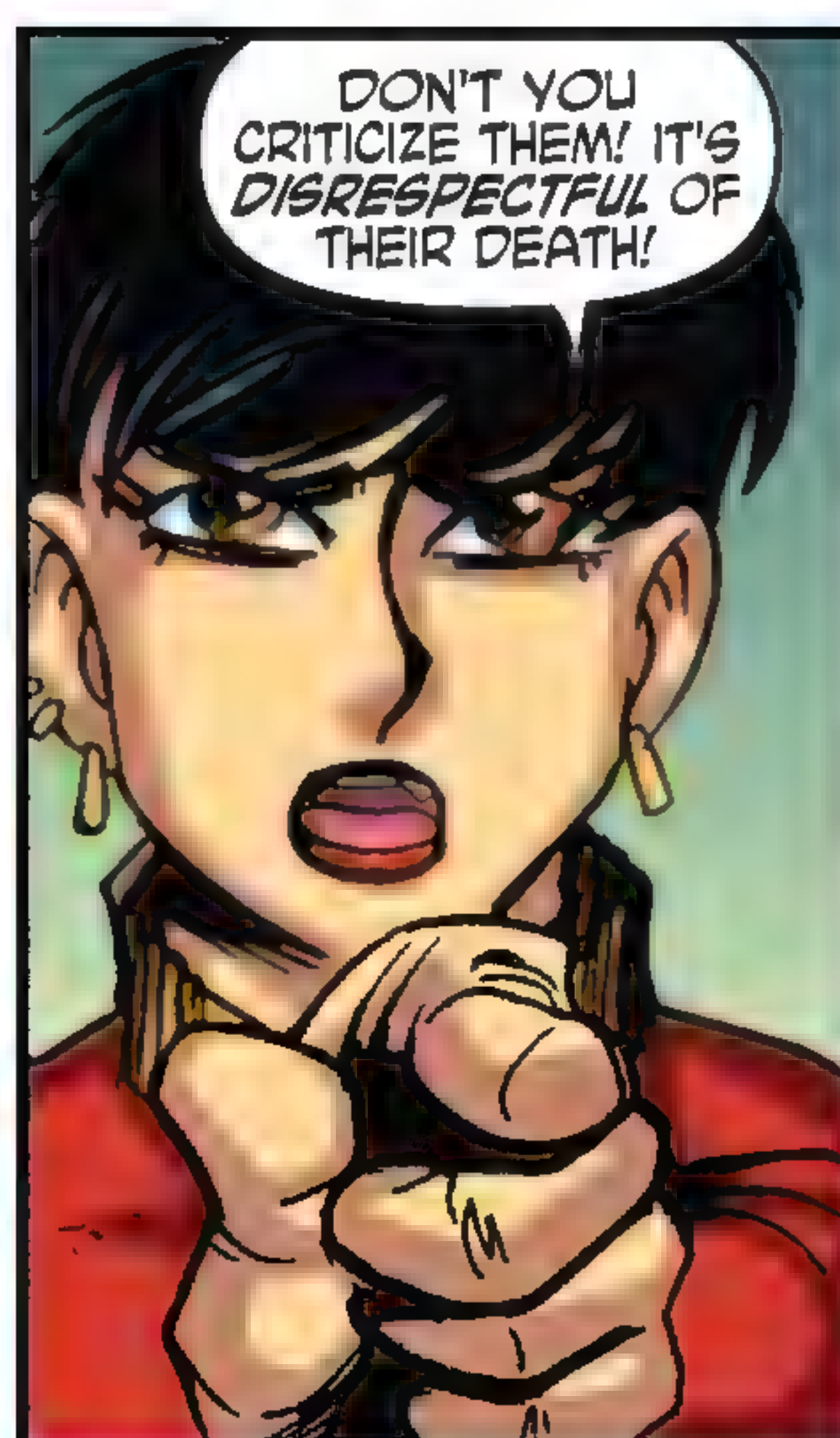




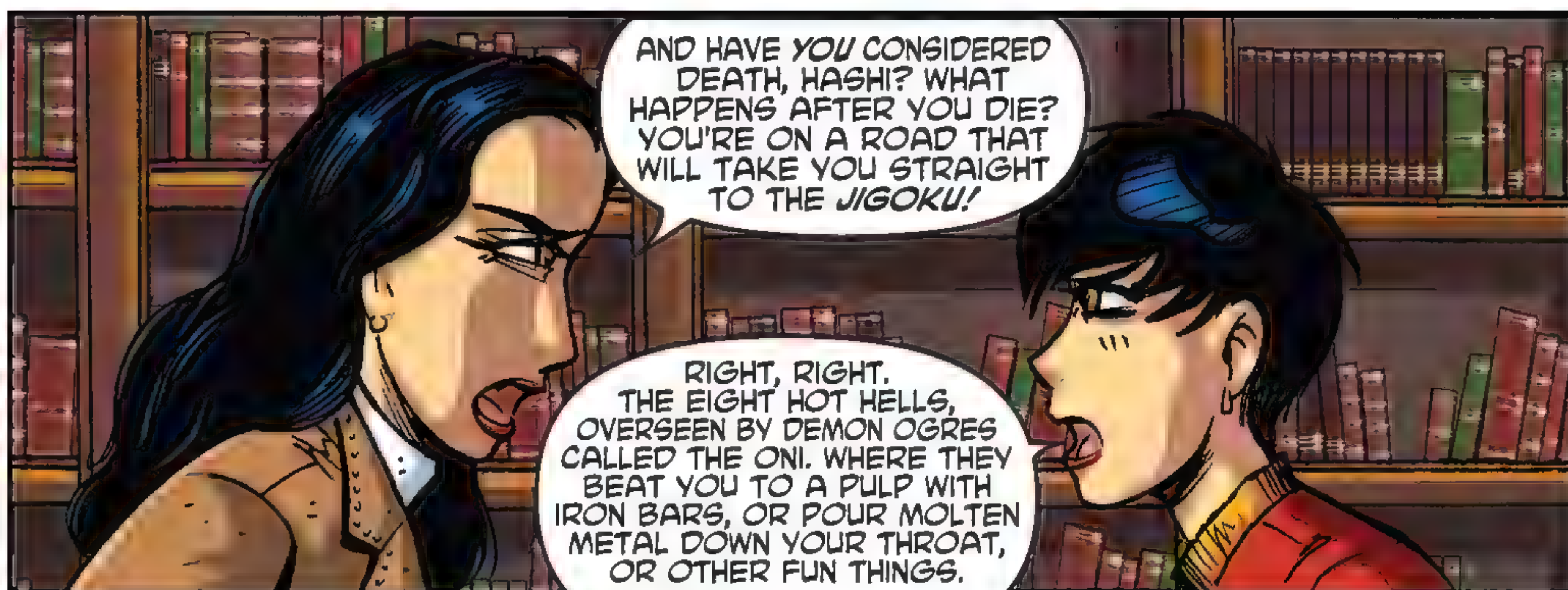
ME?
TEACHING?
HAH!

STILL
HOPING I
GROW
UP INTO
YOU?

YOU NEED
DIRECTION, HASHI.
MOTHER AND FATHER
WERE TOO *LENIENT*
WITH YOU. FOR AS LONG
AS YOU'RE UNDERAGE
AND IN MY CHARGE,
I WON'T MAKE THAT
MISTAKE.



DON'T YOU
CRITICIZE THEM! IT'S
DISRESPECTFUL OF
THEIR DEATH!



AND HAVE YOU CONSIDERED
DEATH, HASHI? WHAT
HAPPENS AFTER YOU DIE?
YOU'RE ON A ROAD THAT
WILL TAKE YOU STRAIGHT
TO THE *JIGOKU*!

RIGHT, RIGHT.
THE EIGHT HOT HELLS,
OVERSEEN BY DEMON OGRES
CALLED THE ONI. WHERE THEY
BEAT YOU TO A PULP WITH
IRON BARS, OR POUR MOLTEN
METAL DOWN YOUR THROAT,
OR OTHER FUN THINGS.

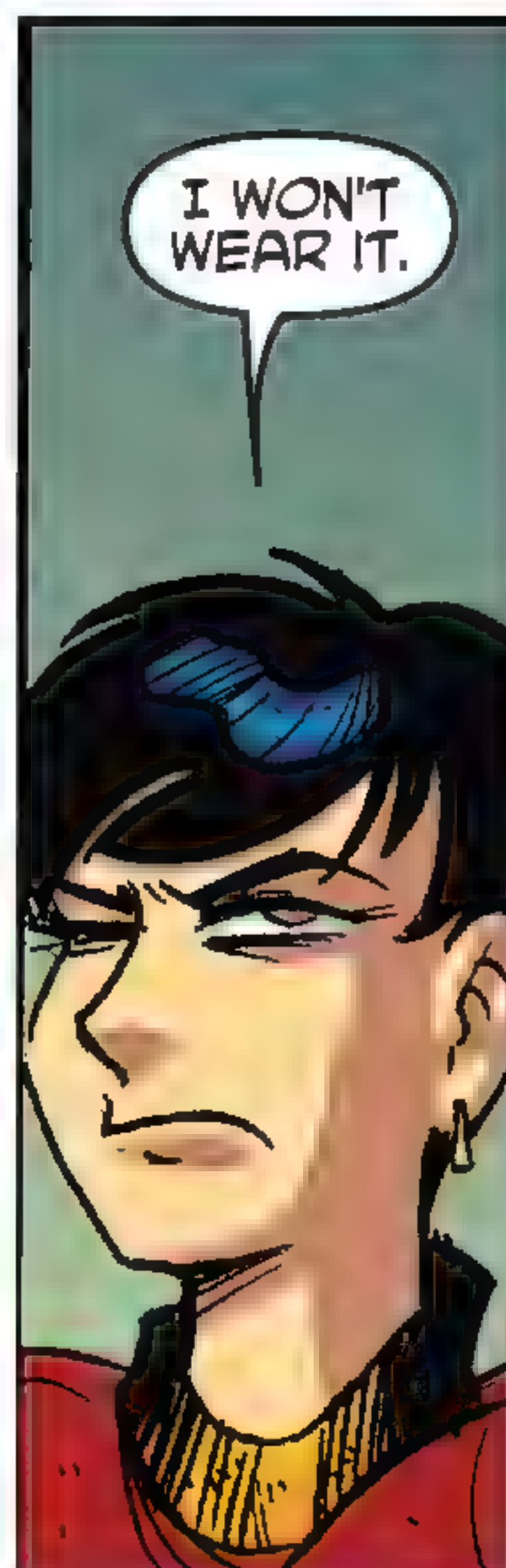


YOU'VE BEEN SCARING ME WITH
THOSE FAIRY TALES SINCE WE
WERE KIDS, SOSUMI! THEY DON'T
WORK ANYMORE!

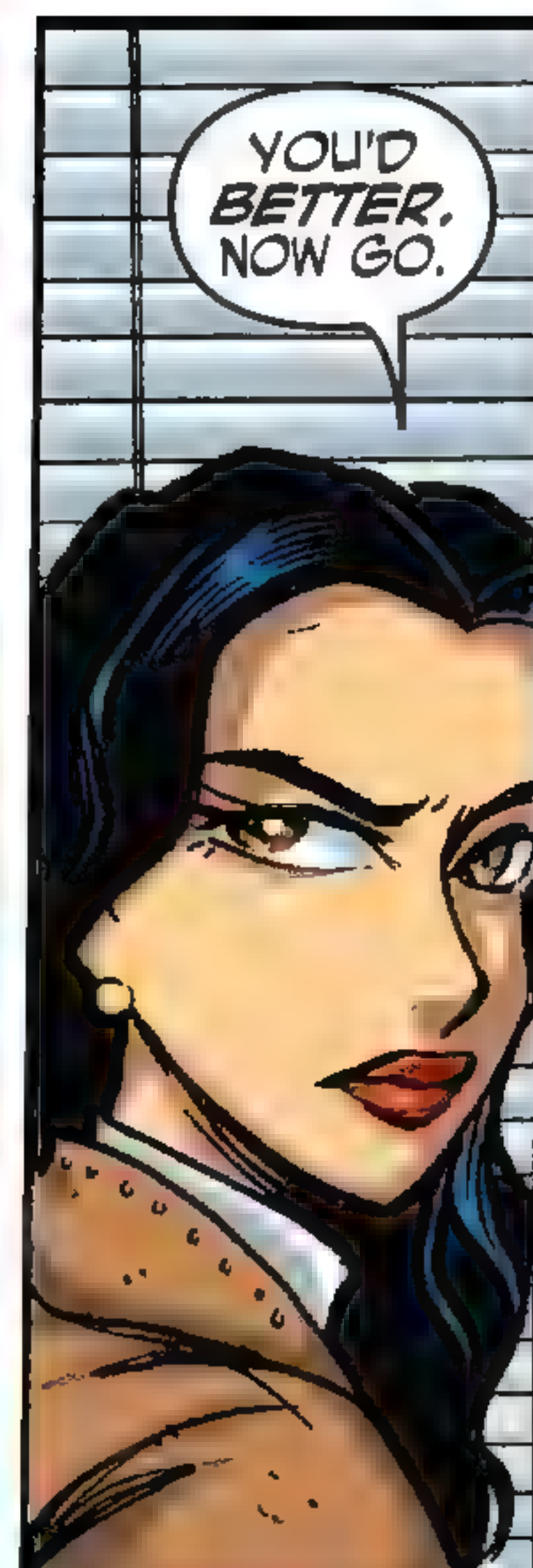


BUT YOU
WILL WORK,
TO EARN
YOUR KEEP
HERE.

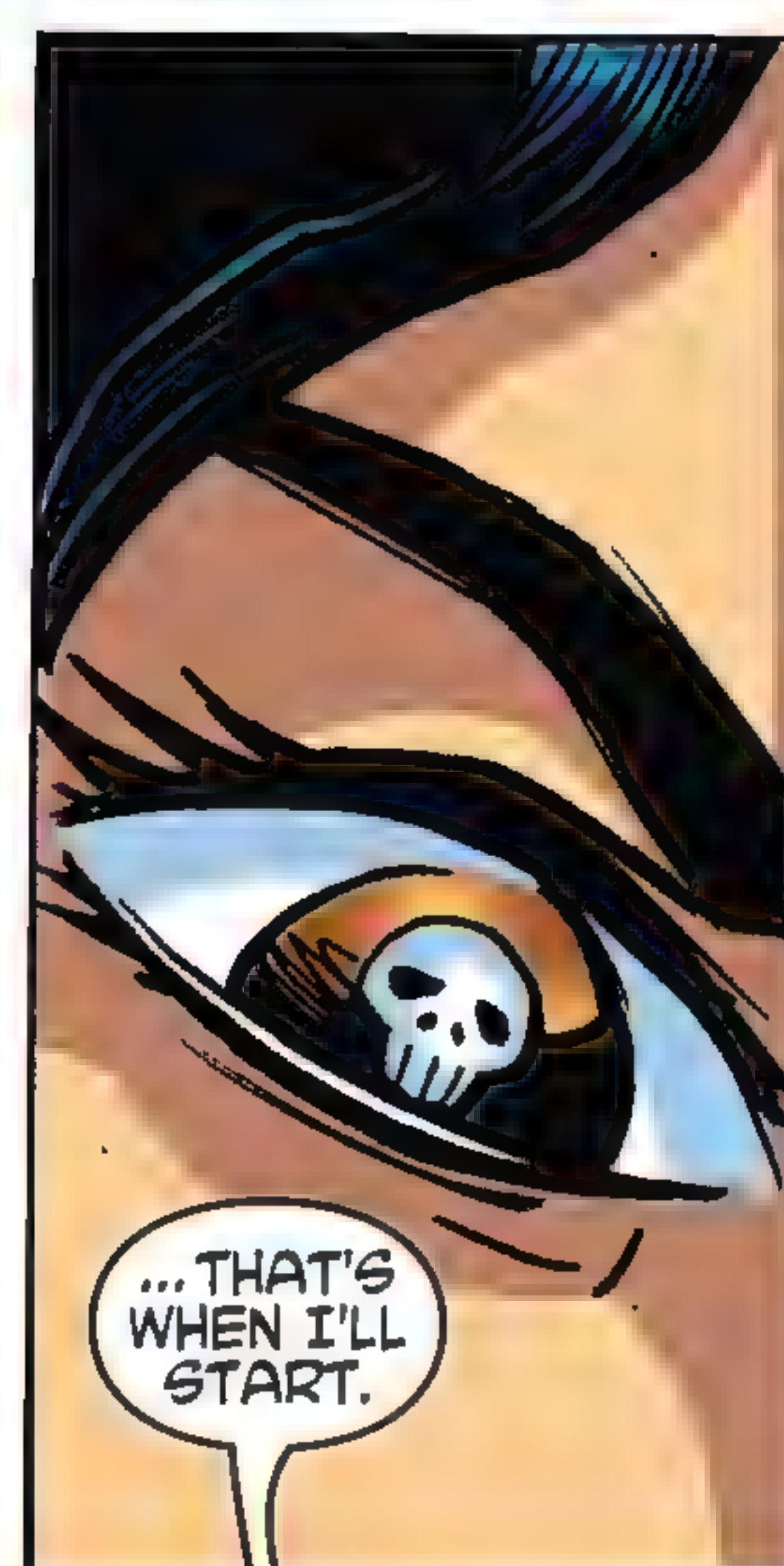
REPORT TO MISS
LUM. SHE'LL ISSUE
YOU A KEY TO
YOUR ROOM IN
THE RESIDENCE
HALL, AND A
UNIFORM.



I WON'T
WEAR IT.



YOU'D
BETTER.
NOW GO.





SO... THIS
"HULK" MONSTER
SEEMS TO BE DISTURBING
THE AMERICANS. TELL
ME, YEW...



...DO YOU
THINK WE CAN TAME
HIM, THIS "HULK"? MAKE
HIM SERVE THE NEEDS OF
THE SKANG KEE FAMILY?
OR DO YOU *FEAR* HIS
STRENGTH?

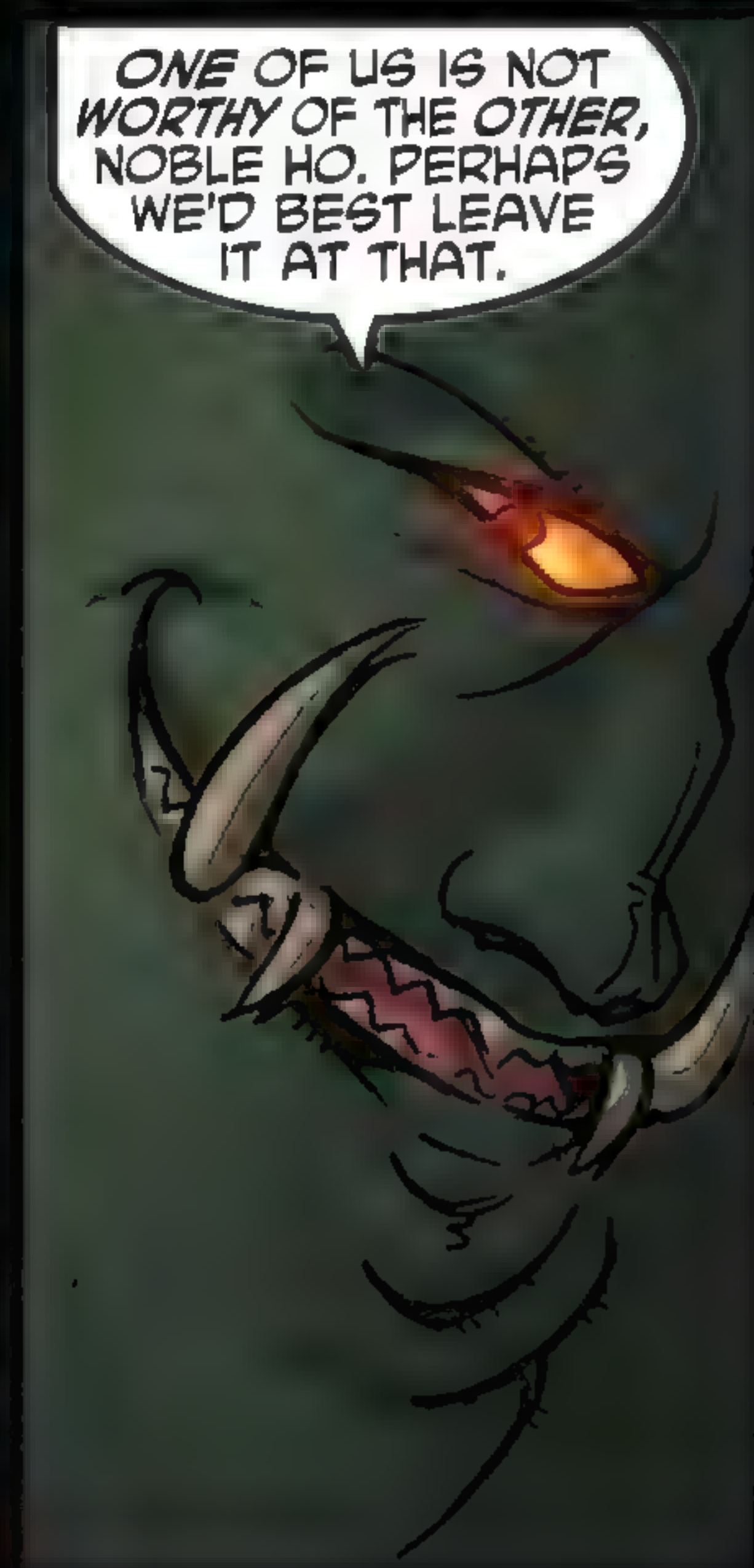
I FEAR
ONLY ONE THING
IN THIS WORLD, NOBLE
HO, AND AN AMERICAN
MONSTER IS NOT IT.
IF IT IS YOUR
DESIRE...



...I SHALL
MAKE HIM BOW
TO MY WILL... AND,
IN TURN, TO
YOURS.



AND WHAT
OF ME? WOULD
YOU TRY TO HAVE
ME BOW TO YOUR
WILL AS *WELL*,
YEW?



ONE OF US IS NOT
WORTHY OF THE OTHER,
NOBLE HO. PERHAPS
WE'D BEST LEAVE
IT AT THAT.



HAAAAHAHAHAA!
WELL-SAID AND WELL-
PLAYED, YEW.



MOST
MAGNIFICENT
LEADER OF THE SKANG
KEE FAMILY... HONORABLE
KUSUGUTAI WISHES TO
KNOW WHEN HE CAN
MEET WITH --

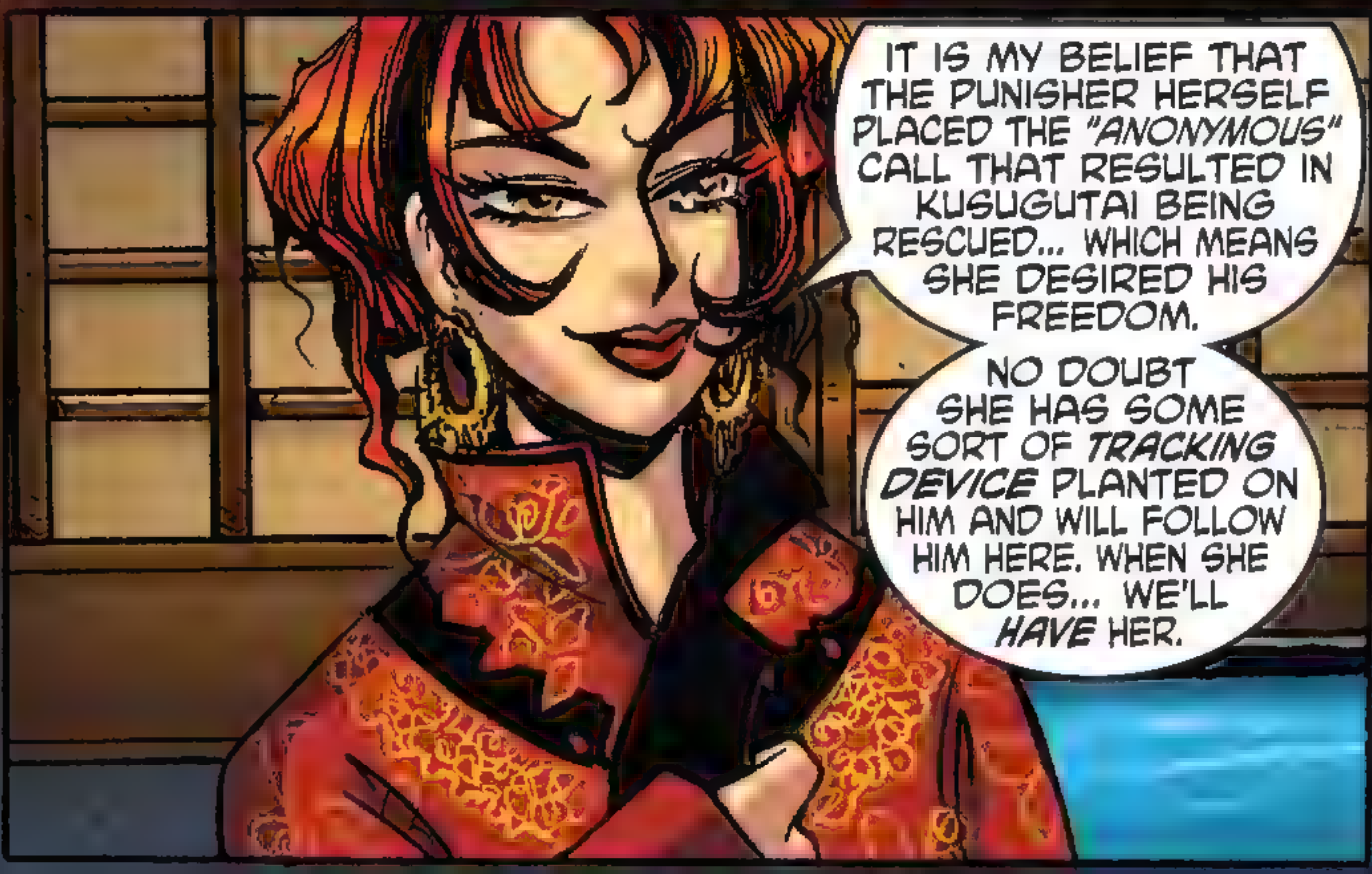


THIS EVENING, TABI,
AT NINETEEN HUNDRED
HOURS. WE SHALL
BE READY FOR
HIM...

...AND FOR
HER.

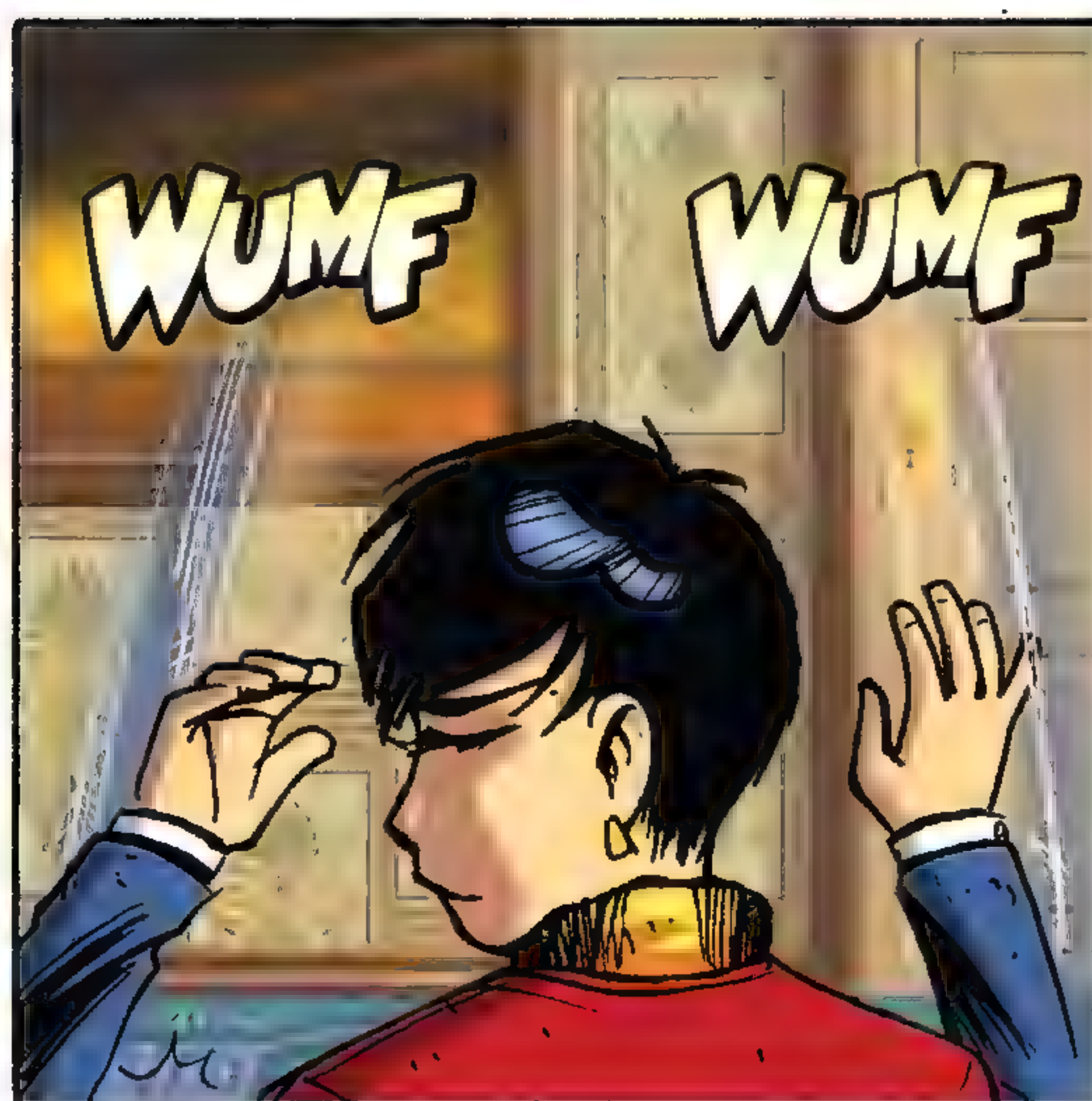
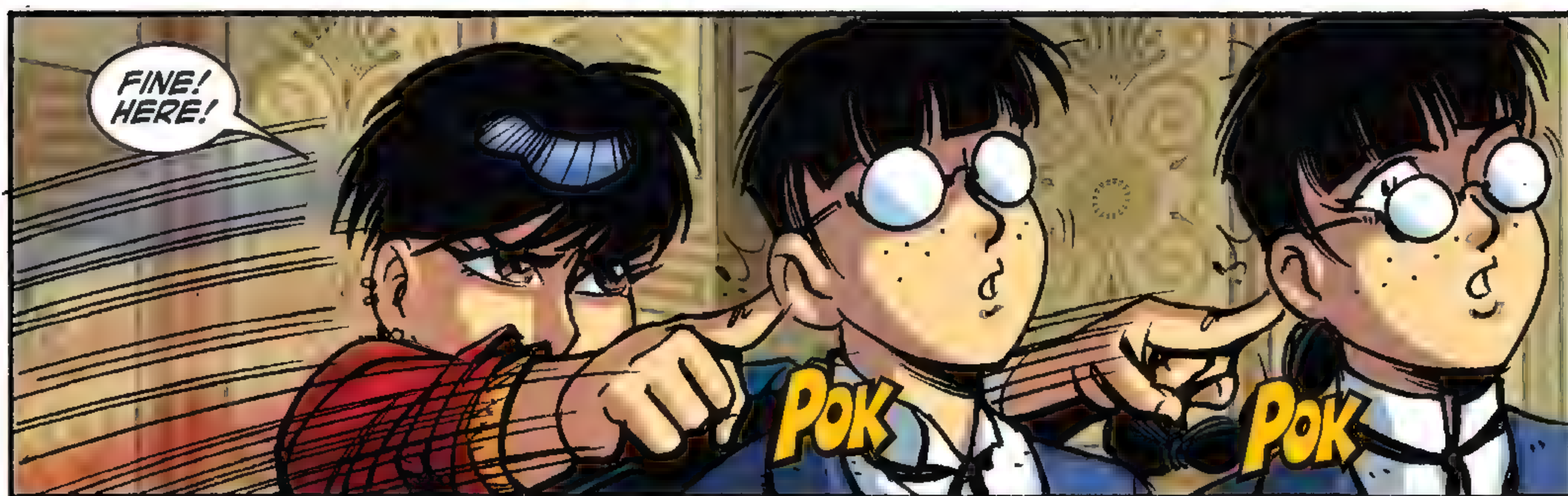


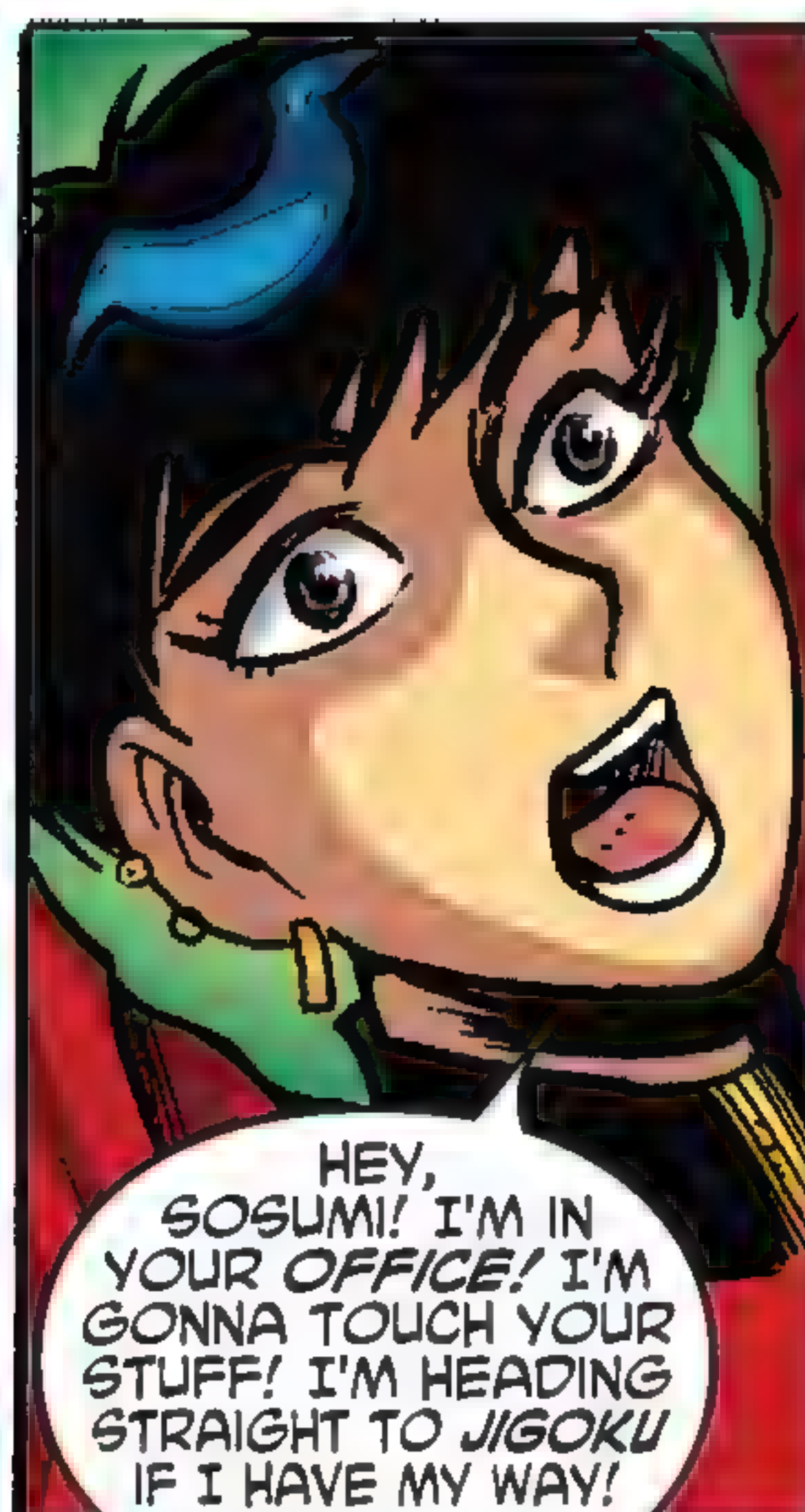
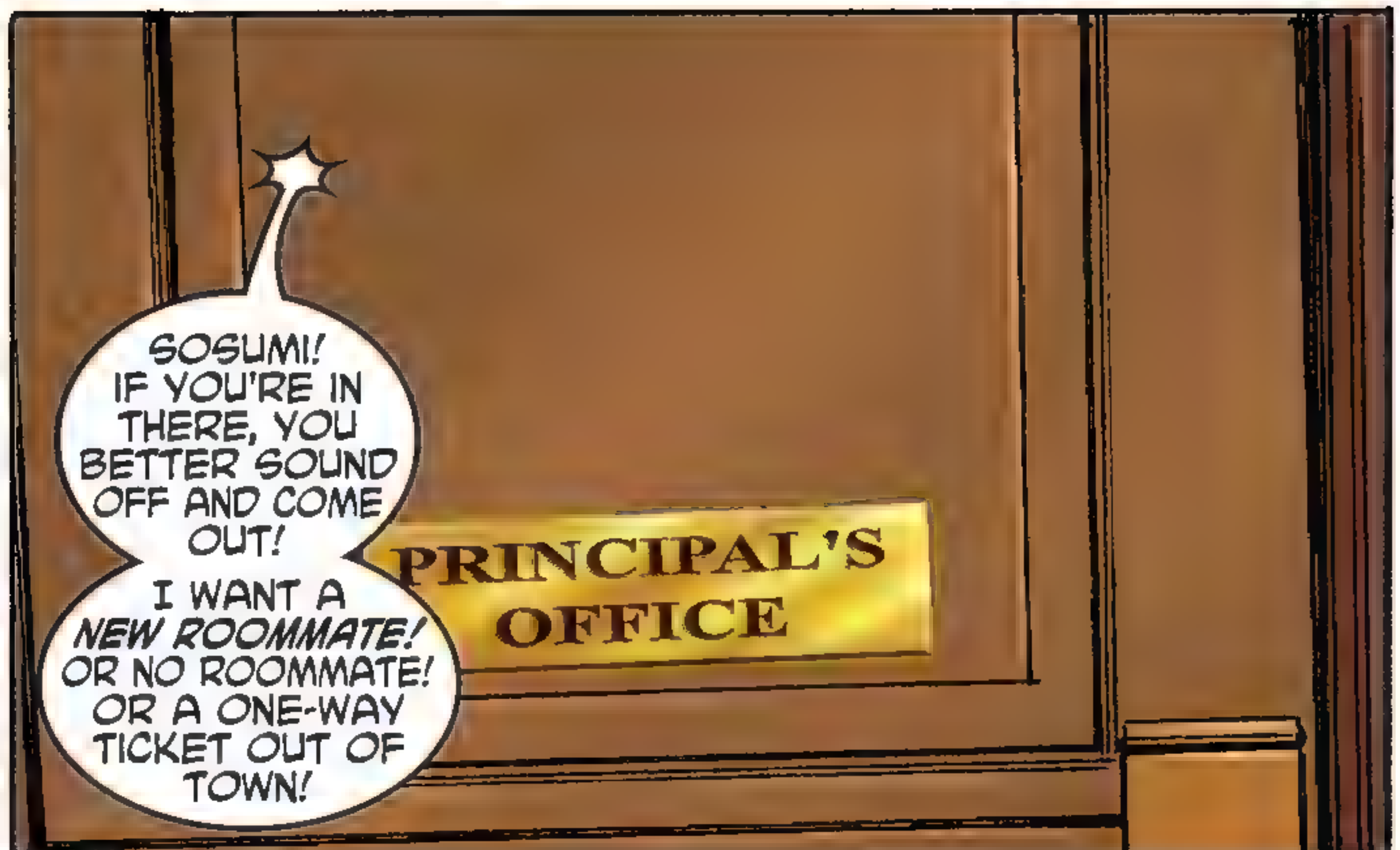
"HER," MOST
ESTEEMED HO?
WHO --?

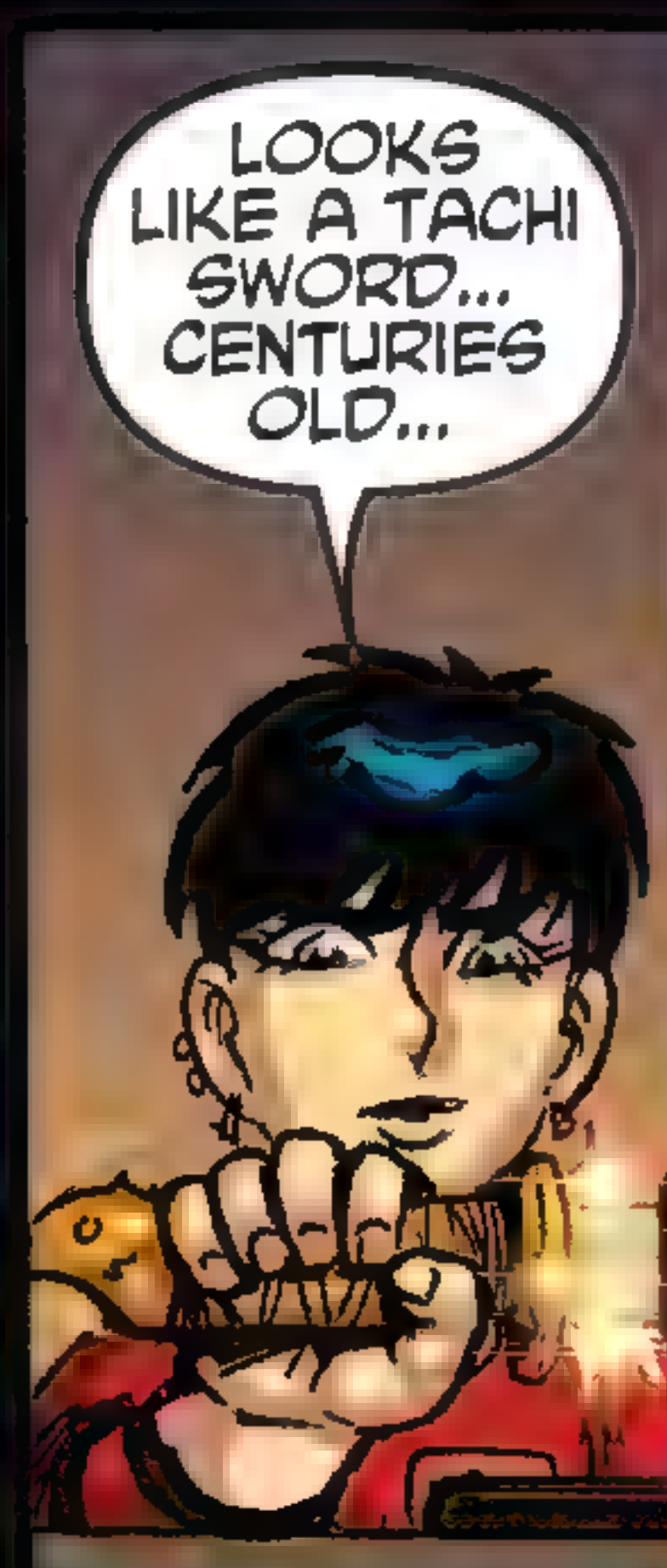


IT IS MY BELIEF THAT
THE PUNISHER HERSELF
PLACED THE "ANONYMOUS"
CALL THAT RESULTED IN
KUSUGUTAI BEING
RESCUED... WHICH MEANS
SHE DESIRED HIS
FREEDOM.

NO DOUBT
SHE HAS SOME
SORT OF **TRACKING**
DEVICE PLANTED ON
HIM AND WILL FOLLOW
HIM HERE. WHEN SHE
DOES... WE'LL
HAVE HER.



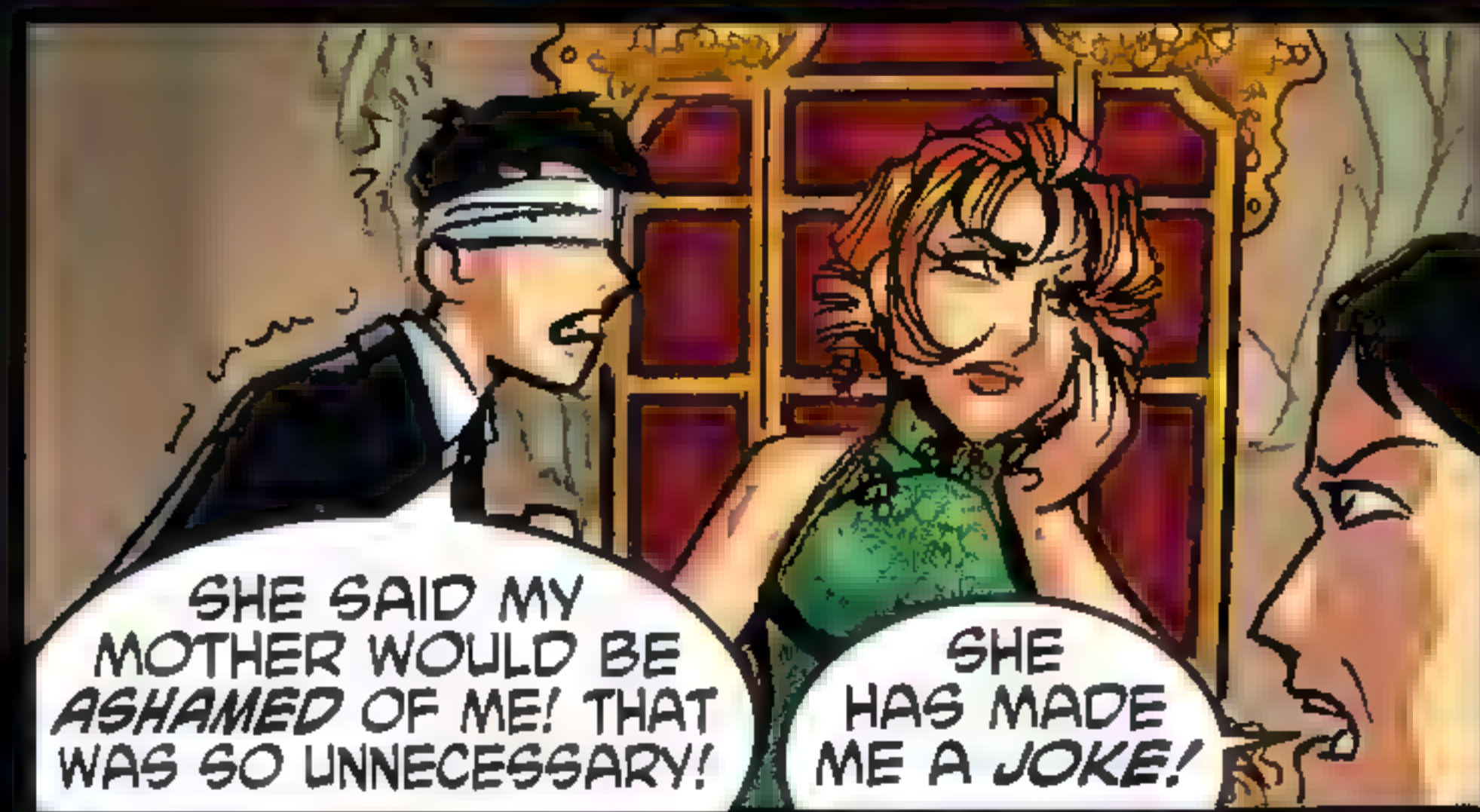






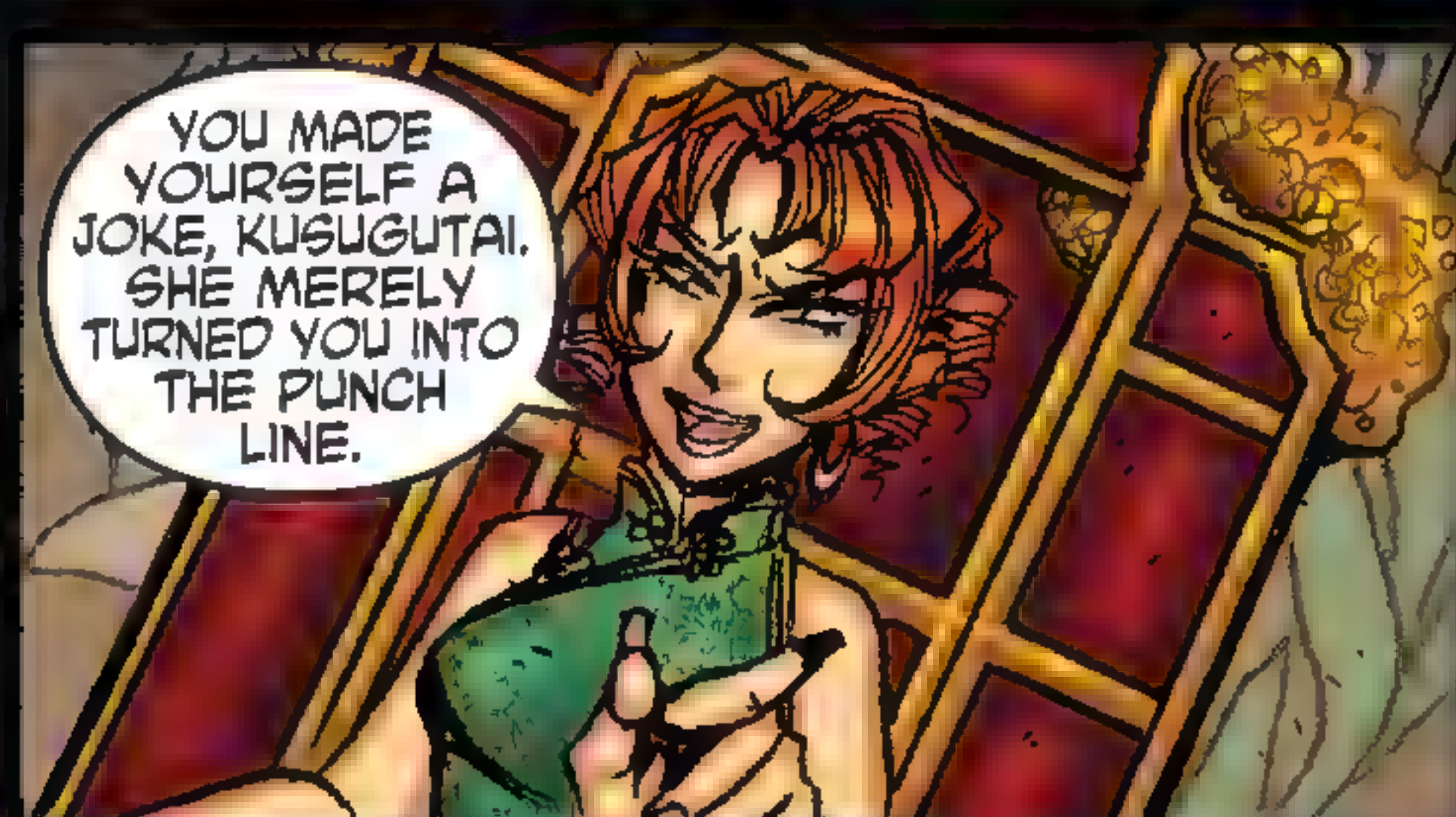
PLEASE,
NOBLE HO! I BEG
YOU TO PUT THE FULL
FORCE OF THE SKANG
KEE FAMILY BEHIND ME,
IN ORDER TO AVENGE
THIS INSULT!

IT WOULD
SEEM, KUSUGUTAI,
THAT WHAT IS *BEHIND*
YOU IS THE PROBLEM.
NAMELY A SORE BOTTOM,
COURTESY OF THE
PUNISHER.



SHE SAID MY
MOTHER WOULD BE
ASHAMED OF ME! THAT
WAS SO UNNECESSARY!

SHE
HAS MADE
ME A JOKE!



YOU MADE
YOURSELF A
JOKE, KUSUGUTAI.
SHE MERELY
TURNED YOU INTO
THE PUNCH
LINE.



EH?

PUNISHER!

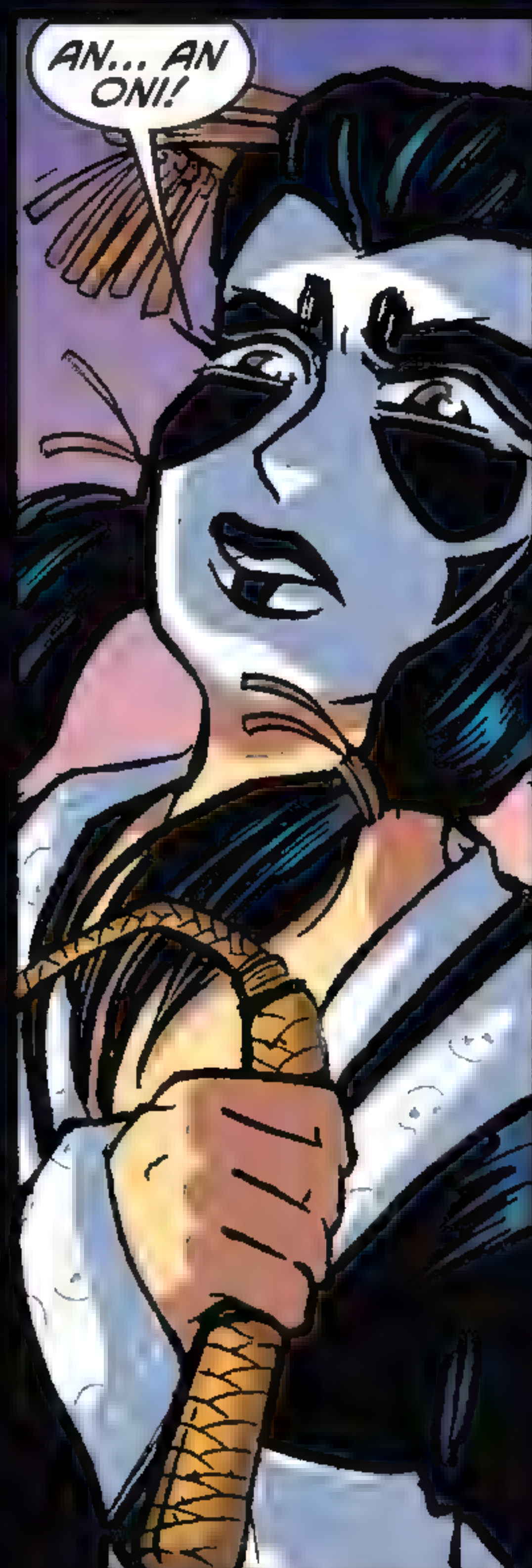
KRAK



SKANG
KEE HO.

I WARNED
YOU TO LEAVE
TOKYO, AND TO
TAKE YOUR WHOLE
SKANG KEE FAMILY
AND SKANG KEE
FRIENDS WITH
YOU.

NOW YOU SHALL BE
PUNISHED FOR YOUR
DISOBEDIENCE.





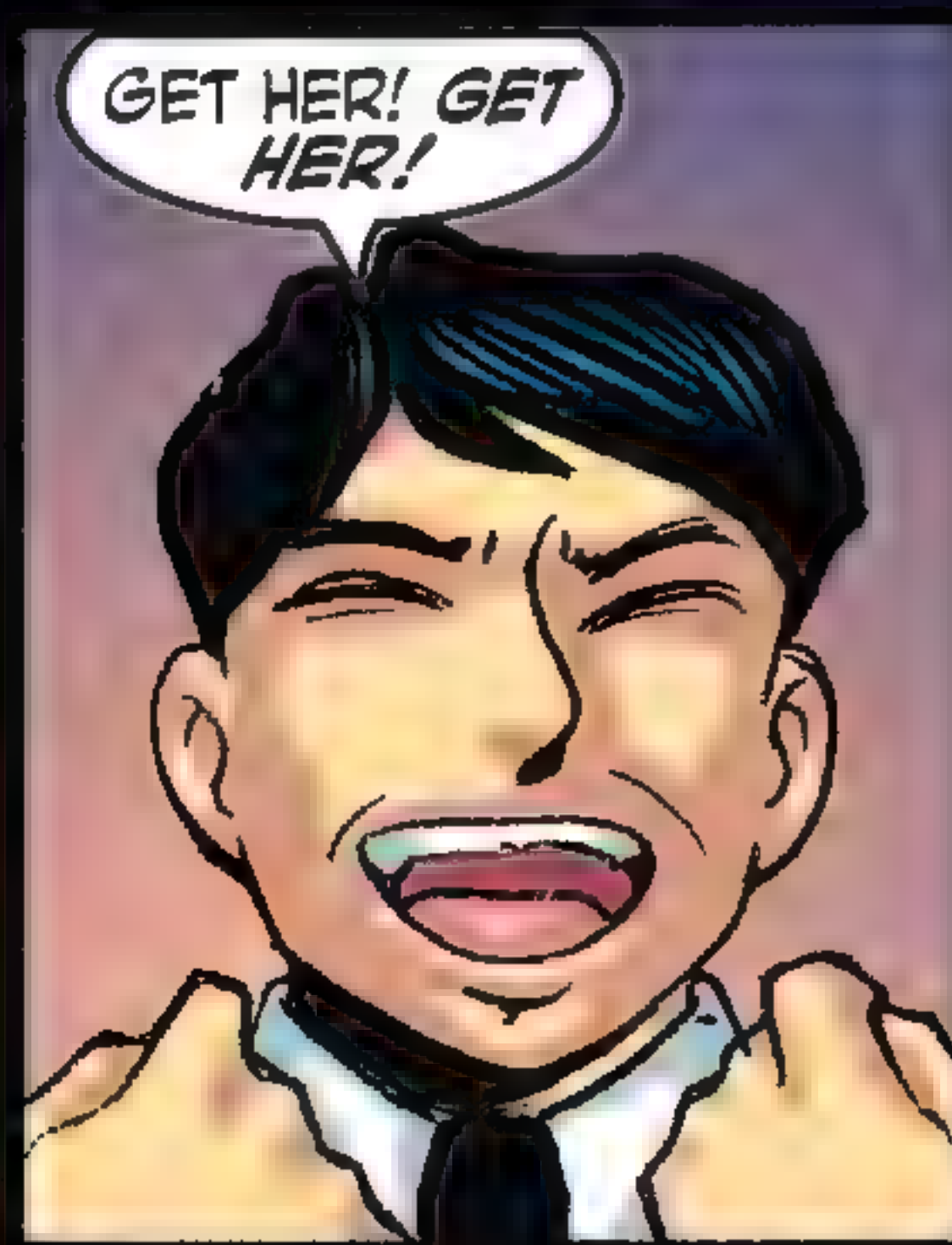
IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, I HAIL FROM SHUGO-JIGOKU. IN THAT HOT HELL, WE FORCE SINNERS TO CLIMB UP AND DOWN TREES WITH RAZOR-SHARP LEAVES...



I BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU.



HUH?



GET HER! GET HER!



YOU MOVE QUICKLY, PUNISHER, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT. YOU'RE A DARING SOUL.



BUT I EAT DARING SOULS FOR BREAKFAST...

...ON
TOAST.
FOR YOU
THEN, PUNISHER...
THE *ULTIMATE*
PUNISHMENT...





YOU INVADED MY PRIVACY
AND COULD HAVE
GOTTEN YOURSELF
KILLED.

HEY, AT
LEAST I'M WEARING
MY UNIFORM, LIKE YOU
WANTED ME TO, SO
STOP GRIPING. AND YOU
WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED,
IF THIS SWORD HADN'T
BROUGHT ME TO WHERE
YOU WERE. IT... *GUIDED*
ME. IT'S AMAZING!
WHY DIDN'T YOU
USE IT...?

BECAUSE,
HASHI... THAT
SWORD IS *CURSED*.
I DIDN'T KEEP IT HIDDEN
IN MY SANCTUM TO
KEEP IT SAFE FROM
OTHERS. I WAS
TRYING TO KEEP
OTHERS SAFE
FROM IT.



OH.
SO, UH... I'M
CURSED NOW, IS
WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING?

I'M AFRAID SO.
BUT MAYBE IT WON'T BE
SO BAD. THERE'S *ALL KINDS*
OF CURSES. FOR INSTANCE,
THERE'S THE CURSE OF KNOWING...

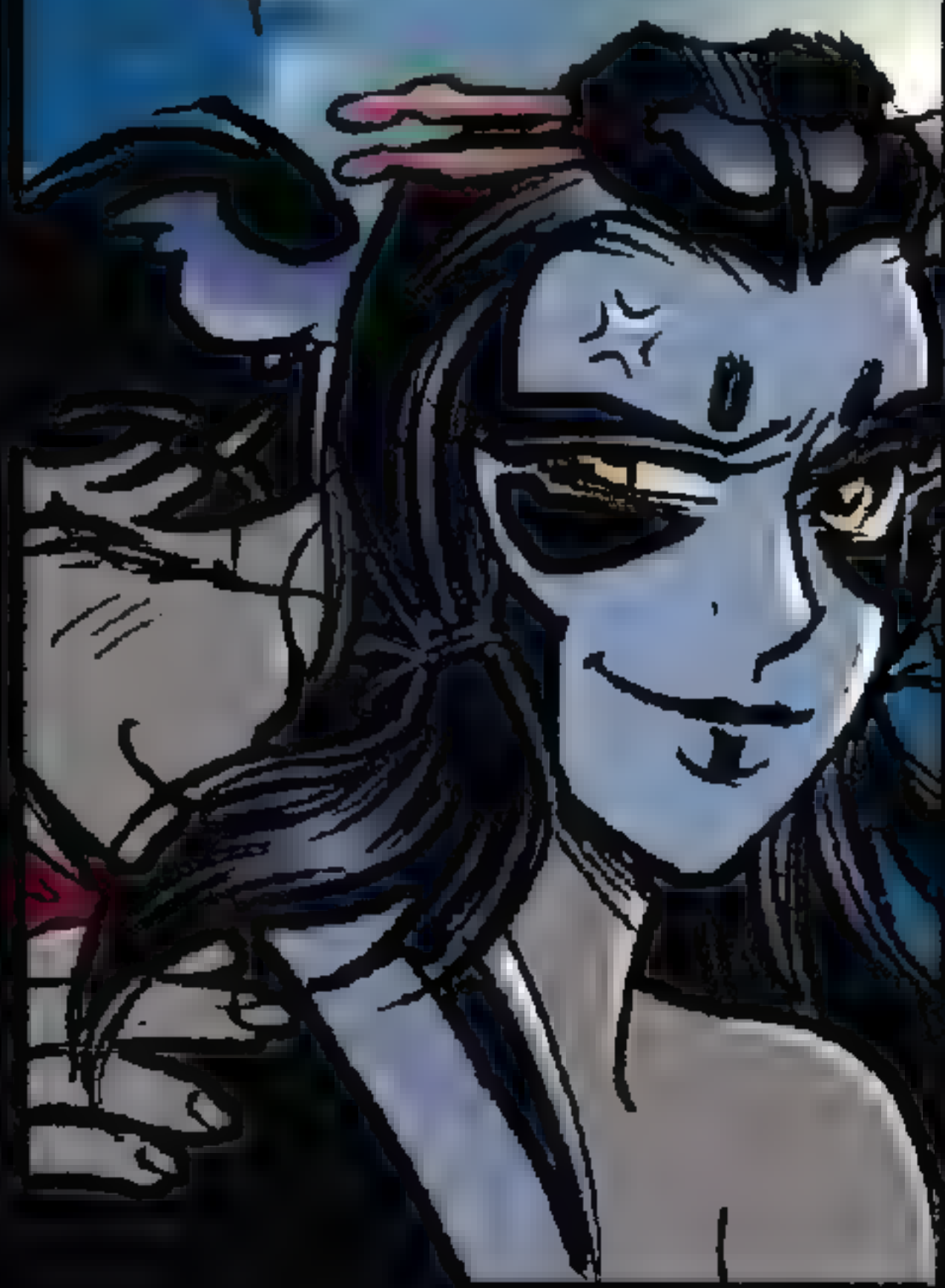
...THAT MY *YOUNGER* SISTER, NO MATTER WHAT SHE
MAY THINK... WAS *REALLY* OUR PARENTS' *FAVORITE*.
THAT THEY LAVISHED MOST OF THEIR DEVOTION ON HER...
BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT *ME* SO CAPABLE, THEY
FIGURED I DIDN'T NEED IT.



I *RESENTED*
YOU FOR IT. I TRIED
NOT TO... BUT I
DID. IN DOING SO...

I...
DISHONORED
MYSELF. CAN YOU
FORGIVE ME?

OF COURSE. NO
NEED TO *PUNISH*
YOURSELF
OVER IT.



SO, UHM... ARE WE TALKING
"THE MUMMY" LEVEL
OF CURSED?

NOT *THAT*
BAD.

HOW
ABOUT THAT
CURSED *WATER*
THAT TURNS
YOU INTO A
PANDA?



PROBABLY
ABOUT *ON THAT*
LEVEL, YES.

CRUD. I *HATE*
BAMBOO...

**THE
END**



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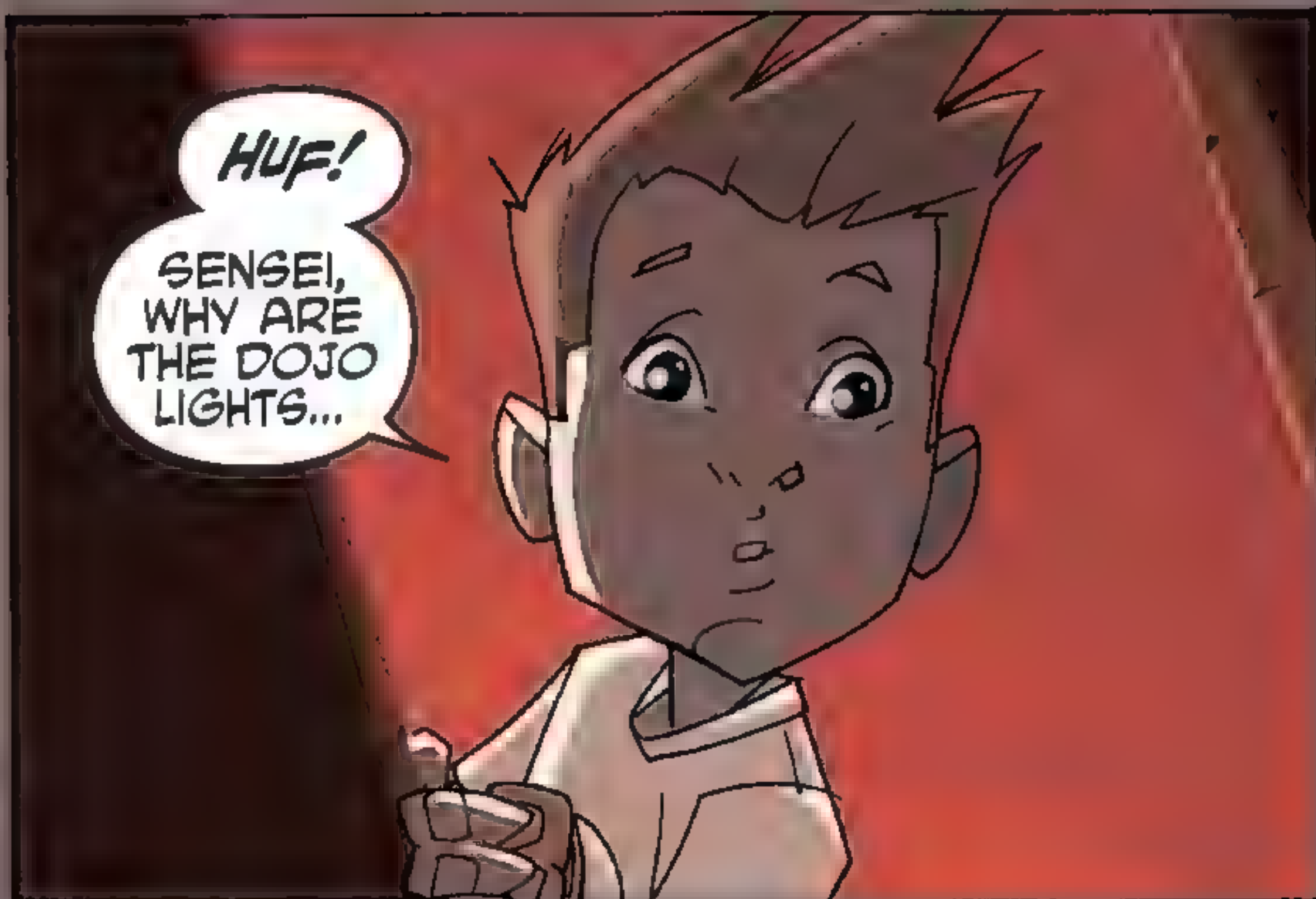
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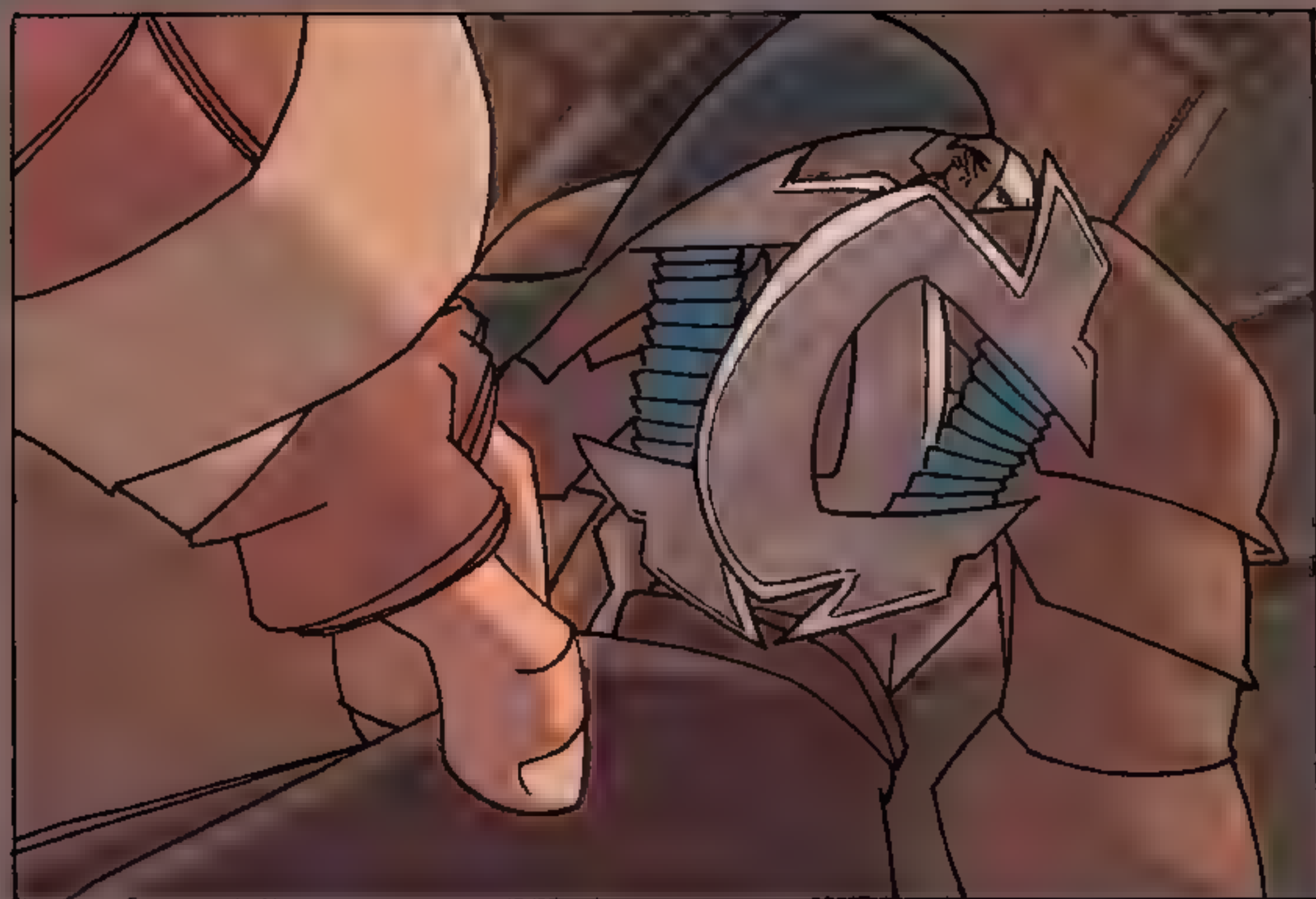
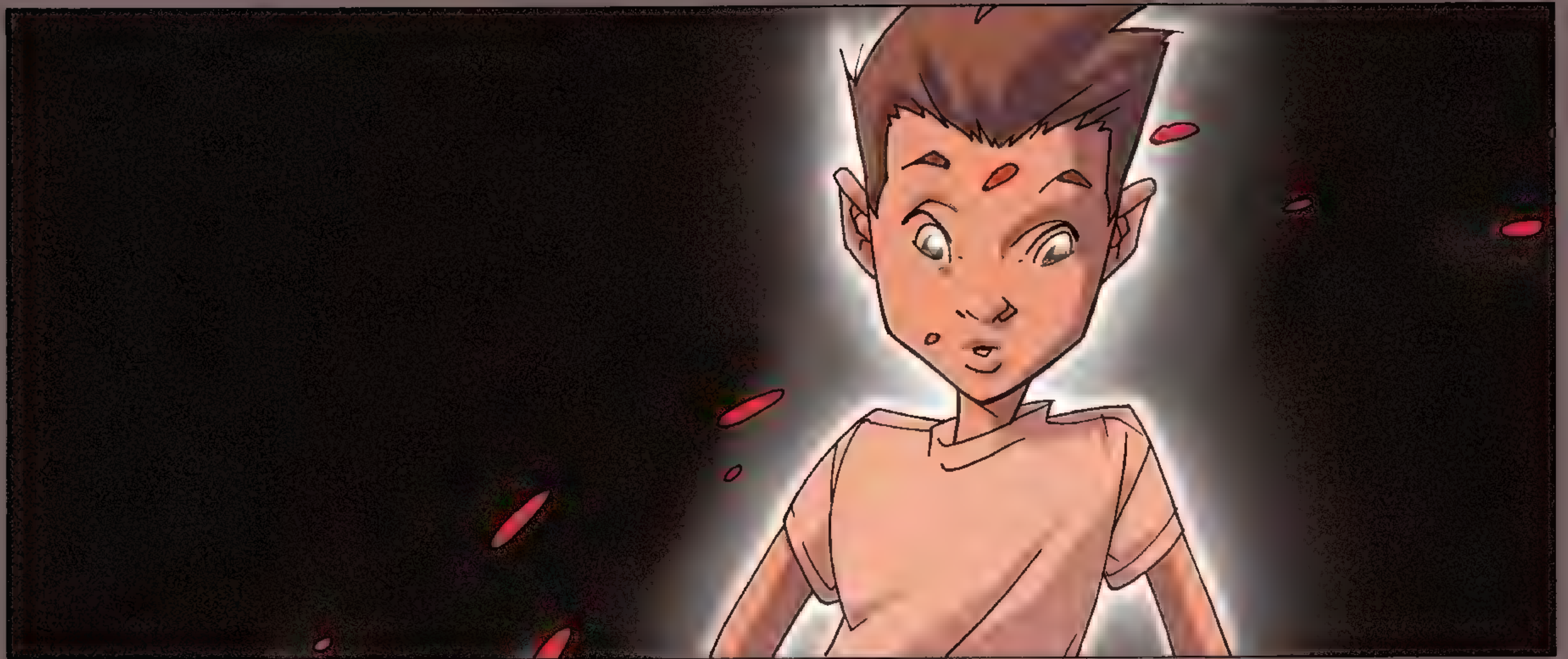
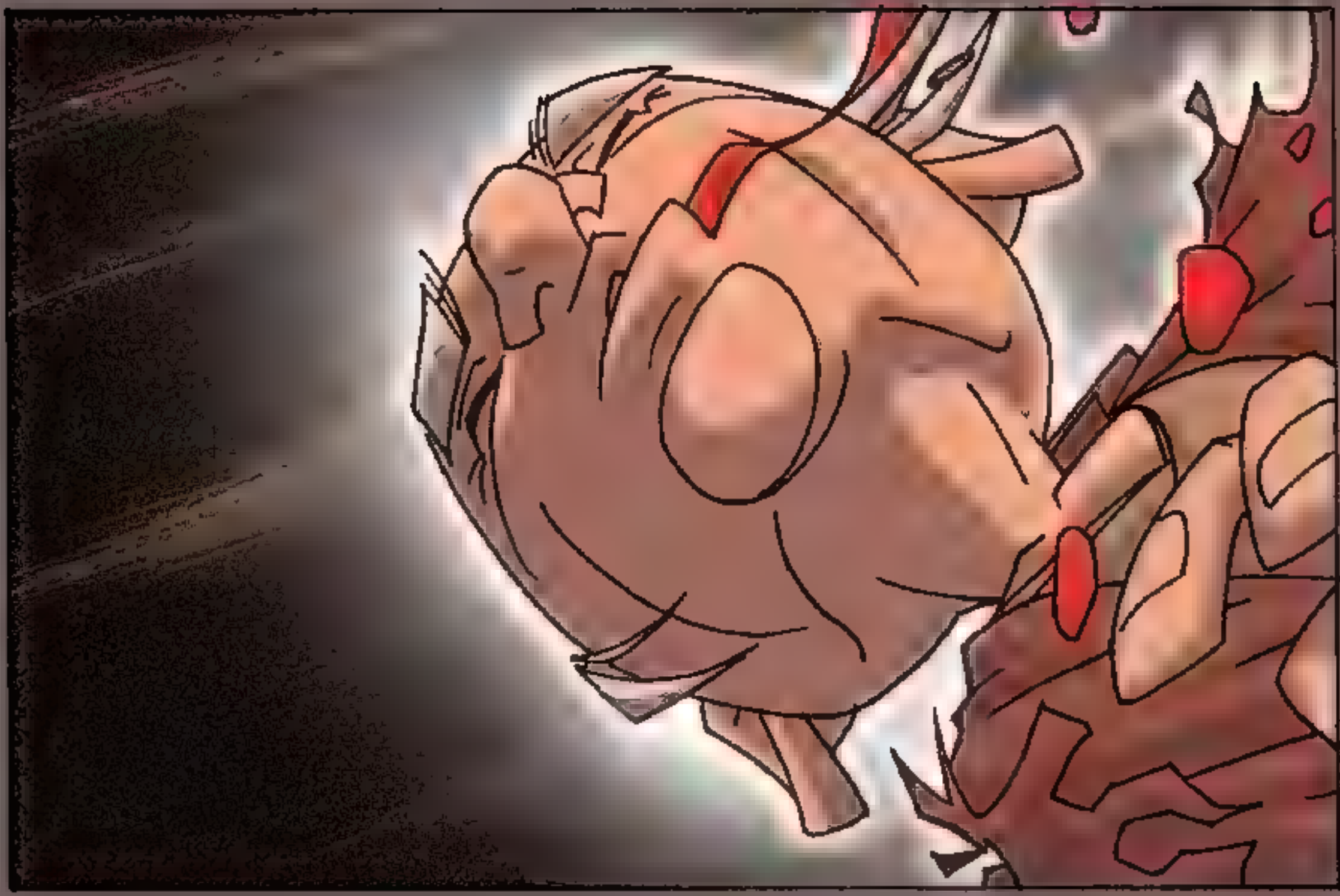


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YOU'RE
TOO LATE,
BOY.

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IT IS
DONE.



PETER...
... YOU HAVE
THE POWER,
PETER... HIDDEN
WITHIN.
YOU MUST
TAKE THE
NEXT STEP...
ALONE

SENSEI...
DON'T LEAVE ME.

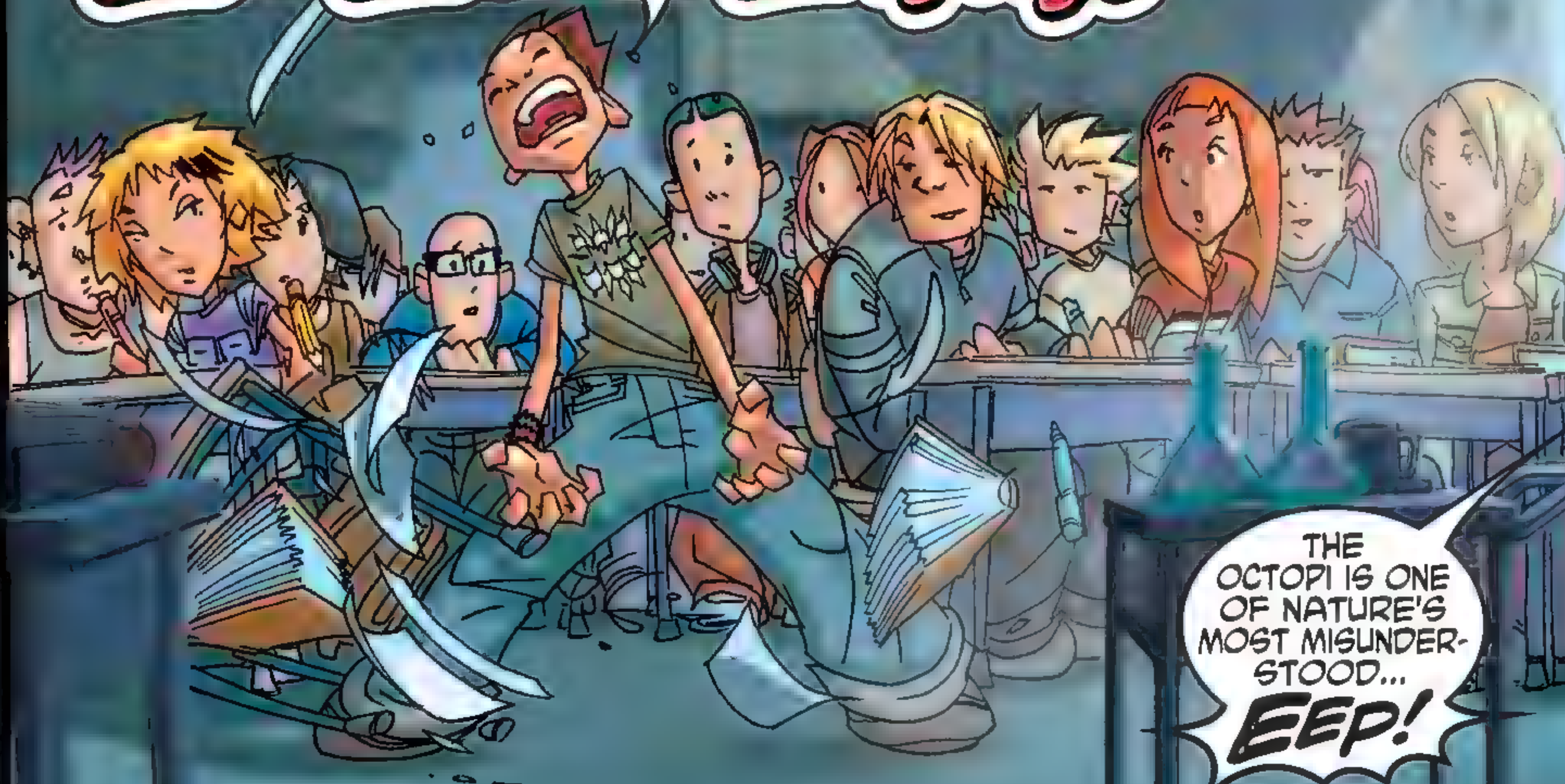


REMEMBER... WITH
THAT GREAT POWER
MUST COME GREAT
RESPONSIBILITY...

SENSEEE!!!



EEEEEE!!!



THE OCTOPI IS ONE OF NATURE'S MOST MISUNDERSTOOD...
EEP!



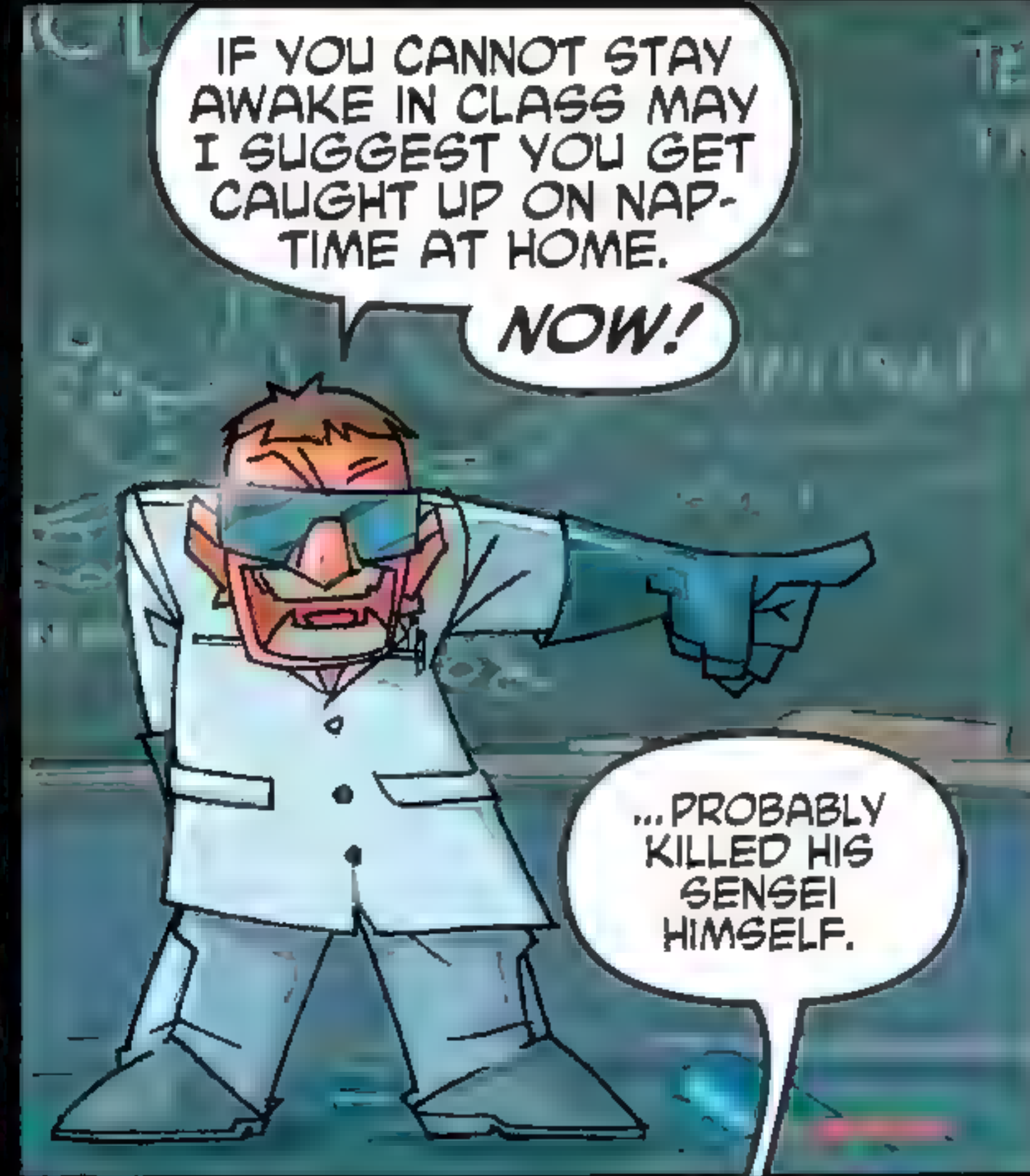
...
THERE GOES PARKER AGAIN.



MR. PARKER! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOUR SITUATION BUT I WILL NOT TOLERATE THESE DISTURBANCES!

I...

...WHATTA FREAK!



IF YOU CANNOT STAY AWAKE IN CLASS MAY I SUGGEST YOU GET CAUGHT UP ON NAP-TIME AT HOME.

NOW!

...PROBABLY KILLED HIS GENSEI HIMSELF.





SO UNLIKE YOU, VENOM.
TO LEAVE A JOB UNFINISHED
LIKE THIS. THE OLD MAN IS
DEAD, BUT... THERE STILL
REMAINS ONE.



THE BOY?
HE'S BARELY
HALFWAY
THROUGH HIS
TRAINING.

AS LONG AS THE SPIDER
CLAN BREATHES LIFE OF
ANY DEGREE WE, THE KUJI
KURI, ARE THREATENED.
I HAVE FORESEEN
IT.

THE BOY
WILL NOT BE
HARMED.

YOU
FORGET
YOURSELF,
VENOM.



YOU
FORGET YOUR
AUTHORITY KINGPIN.
I AM RONIN, NOT
SOME LAPDOG
ASSASSIN.

MY AUTHORITY?
MY AUTHORITY IS
WEALTH, STRENGTH...
POWER. YOU WILL
KILL THE BOY, FOR THE
VERY SAME REASONS
THAT YOU KILLED
HIS SENSEI.

ITS POWER
YOU CRAVE VENOM.
ITS POWER THAT FEEDS
THE DARK EMPTINESS
IN YOUR SOUL. AND I AM
THE ONLY ONE THAT
CAN GIVE IT YOU.





HIYYAAAAA!



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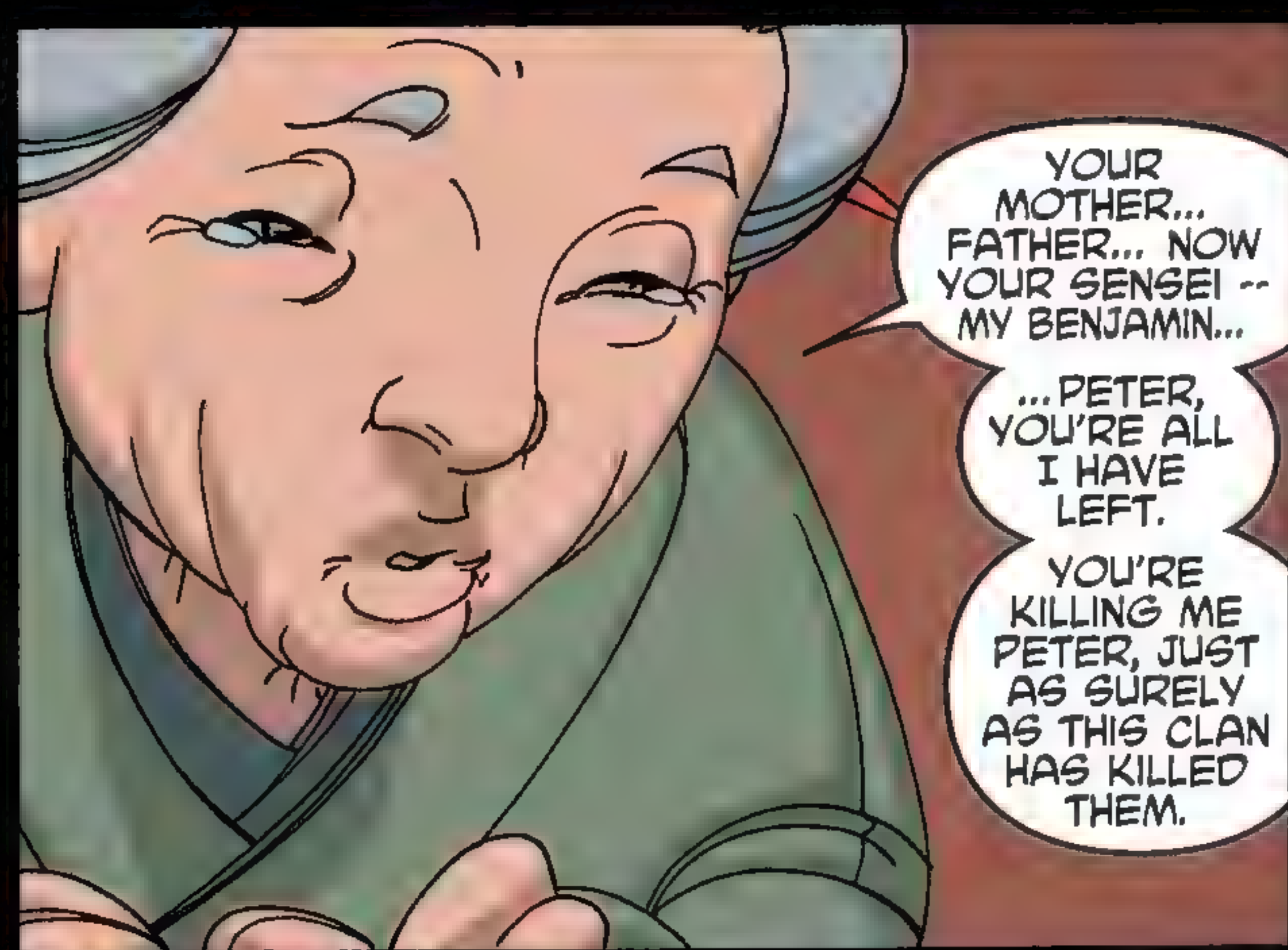


STUPID!



AAUUGH!!!

PETER, NO! YOU PROMISED ME.



YOUR MOTHER... FATHER... NOW YOUR SENSEI -- MY BENJAMIN...

...PETER, YOU'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT.

YOU'RE KILLING ME PETER, JUST AS SURELY AS THIS CLAN HAS KILLED THEM.



AUNT MAY...



FIRST THING TOMORROW I'LL LOCK THE DOORS TO THE DOJO. I'LL STOP TRAINING. I'M SORRY.

PETER, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.



IT'S HARD, AUNT MAY, TO LOOK INTO YOUR EYES AND LIE TO YOU, BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT A GOOD PERSON. IT'S ALL MY FAULT.



I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO PROTECT HIM.



AT LEAST I CAN PROTECT YOU, MAY...



...FROM KNOWING WHAT I HAVE TO DO.



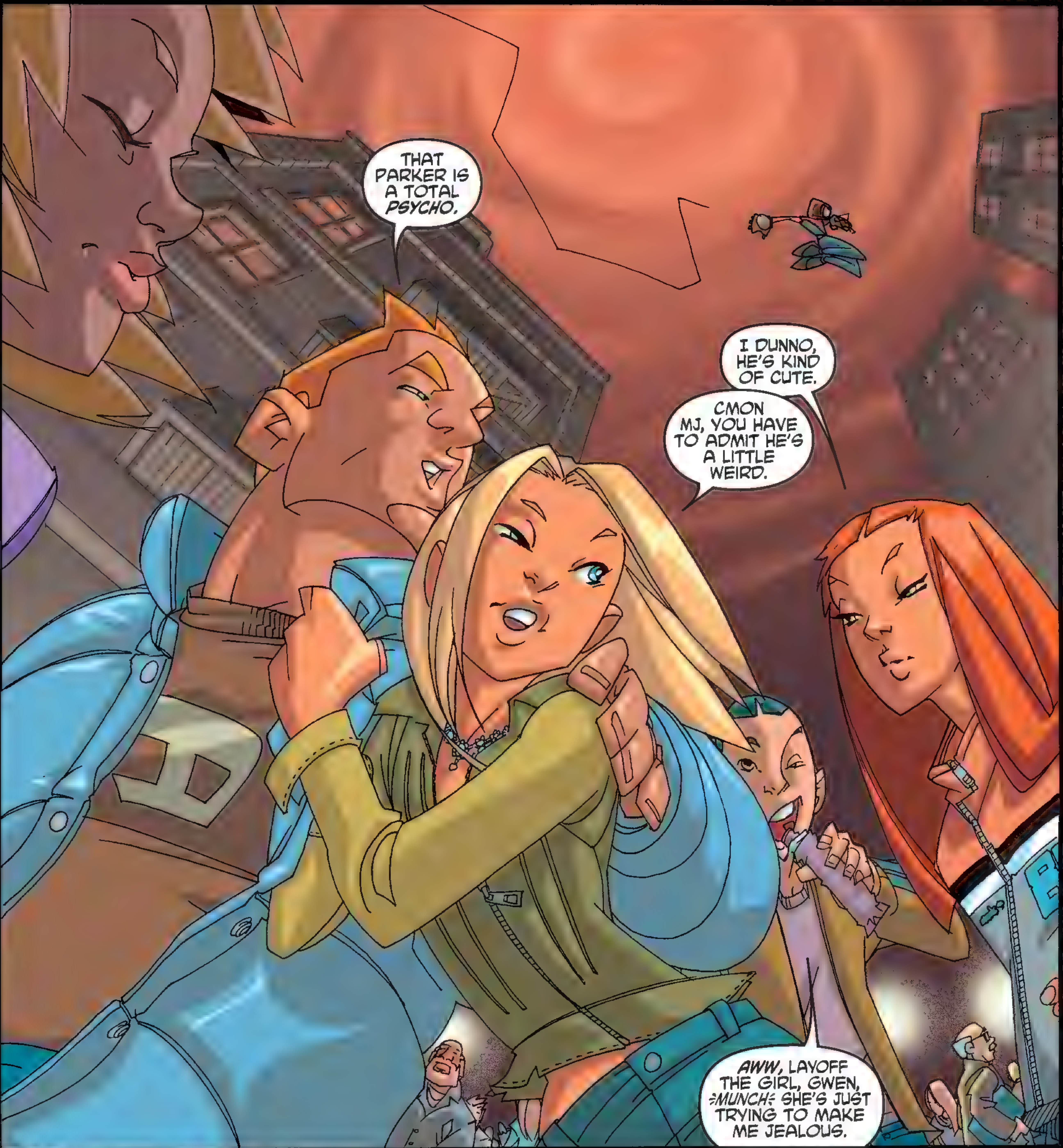
I'LL HIDE MY FACE...

...TRAIN IN SECRET.



I'LL FIND HIM, MAY.

I WILL FIND HIM AND I WILL AVENGE SENSEI'S DEATH.



THAT PARKER IS A TOTAL PSYCHO.

I DUNNO, HE'S KIND OF CUTE.

CMON MJ, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT HE'S A LITTLE WEIRD.

AWW, LAYOFF THE GIRL, GWEN, ~~MUNCH~~ SHE'S JUST TRYING TO MAKE ME JEALOUS.



IN YOUR DREAMS...

HUH?

WHAT THE...

ATTENTION CITIZENS. THERE HAS BEEN A CODE RED ALERT! YOU MUST LEAVE THE DOWNTOWN AREA IMMEDIATELY. REMAIN CALM AND DO SO IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. ATTENTION CITIZENS...

IS THIS A JOKE?

WHAT'S
GOING ON
DOWN
THERE?

YOU
SHOULD HAVE
HIDDEN MORE
THAN YOUR
FACE BOY.

K S H

VENOM!

ATTENTION
CITIZENS...

DEMON
FILTH!
SENSEI WILL BE
AVENGED!

PERHAPS
LITTLE ONE,
BUT NOT
TONIGHT.

COWARD.
YOU CANT HIDE
BEHIND THESE
JERKS!





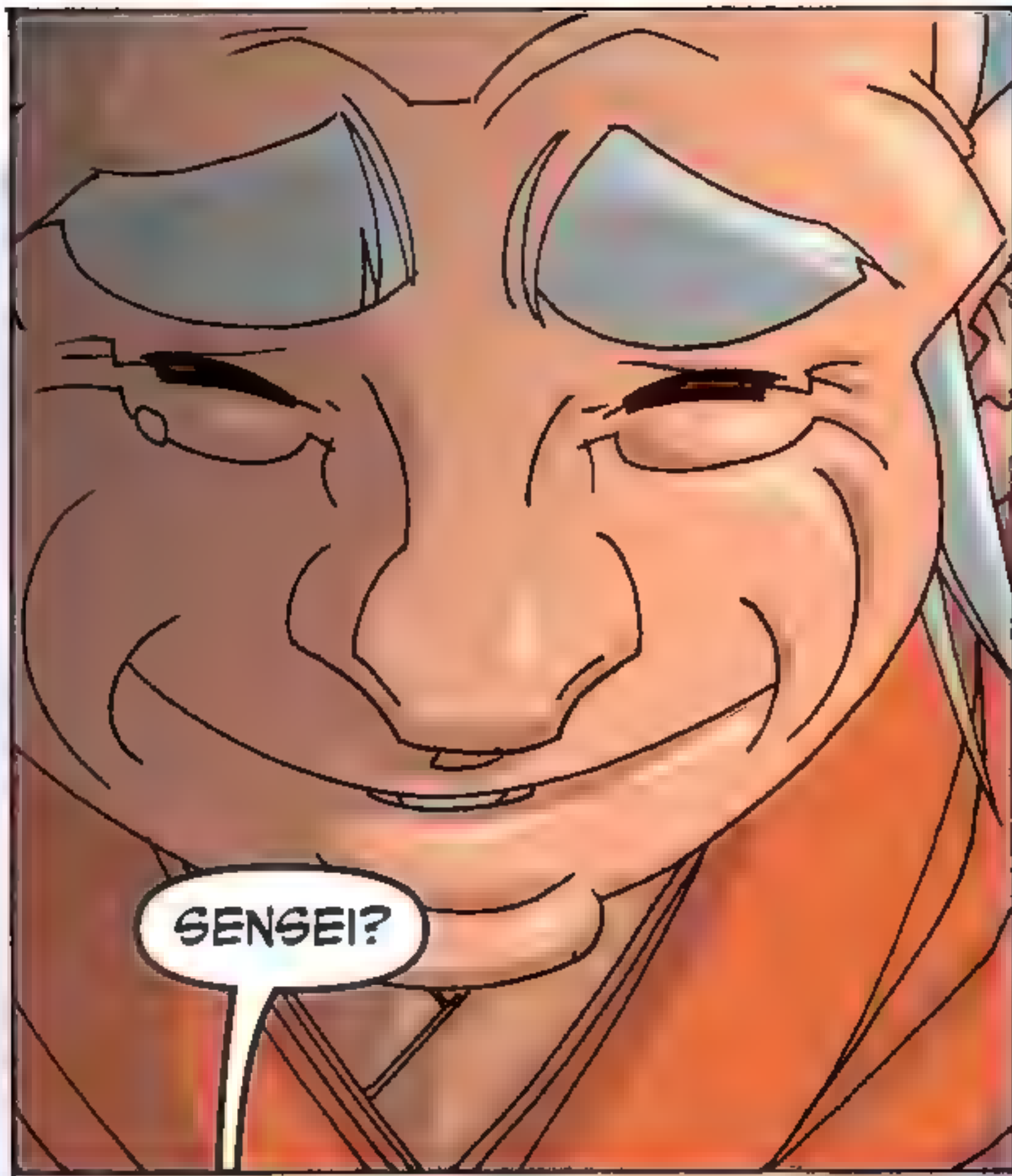
SHOW
ME.



AAAGGGHHH

...

DISAPPOINTING...
I WAS EXPECTING
MUCH MORE.
HOLD HIM DOWN --
I WILL END THIS
QUICKLY.



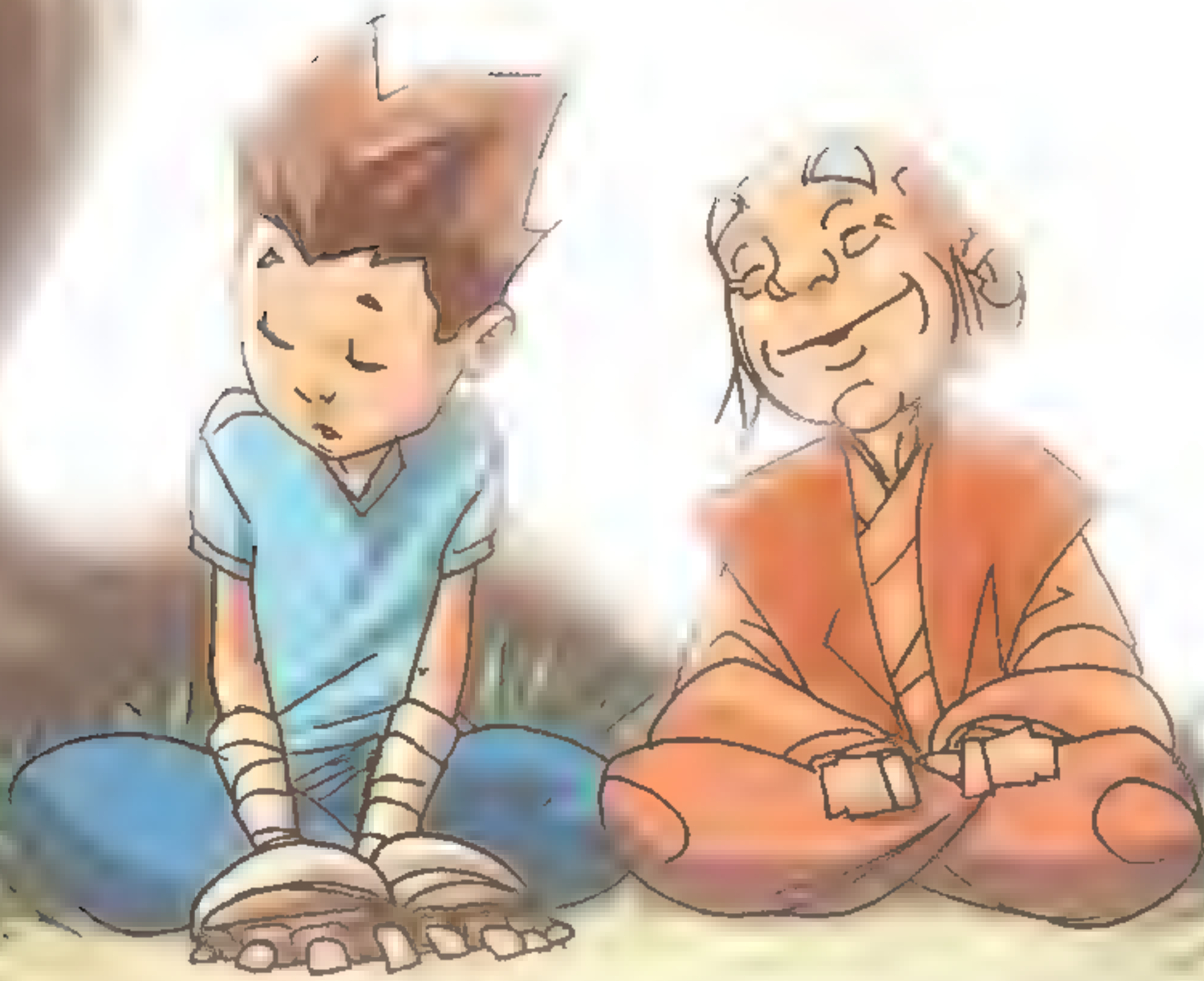
I -- I'VE FAILED YOU SENSEI... TWICE NOW. THERE WAS JUST TOO MANY OF THEM. I NEVER HAD THE POWER... I COULD NEVER HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY...

PETER. HOW CAN I TEACH SOMEONE WHO ALREADY HAS ALL OF LIFE'S ANSWERS?

I AM EXACTLY WHERE I MUST BE RIGHT NOW. THE TRUE MASTER HOLDS NOTHING BACK FROM LIFE; THEREFORE HE IS READY FOR DEATH, AS A MAN IS READY FOR SLEEP AFTER A GOOD DAY'S WORK.

BUT YOUR VENGEANCE...

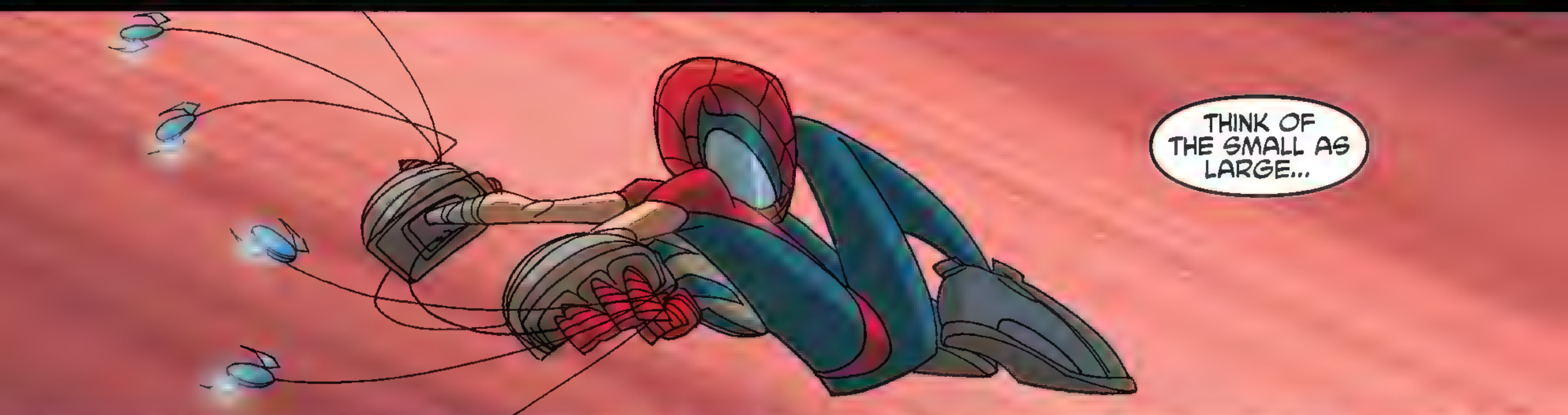
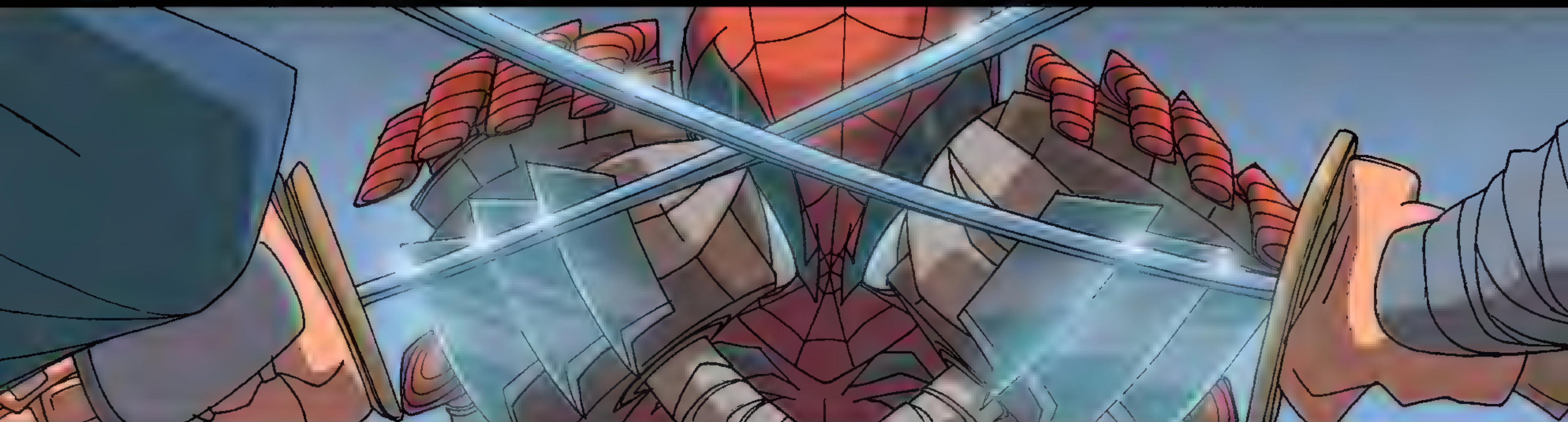
BY FOCUSING ON EVIL, PETER, YOU BEGIN THE JOURNEY TOWARDS EVIL YOURSELF. THE MASTER FOCUSES ON THE MOMENT, FOR IT IS IN THE MOMENT THAT HE LIVES. AND AT THIS MOMENT YOU ARE IN A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE. HAVE YOU TRULY FORGOTTEN ALL I'VE TAUGHT YOU?

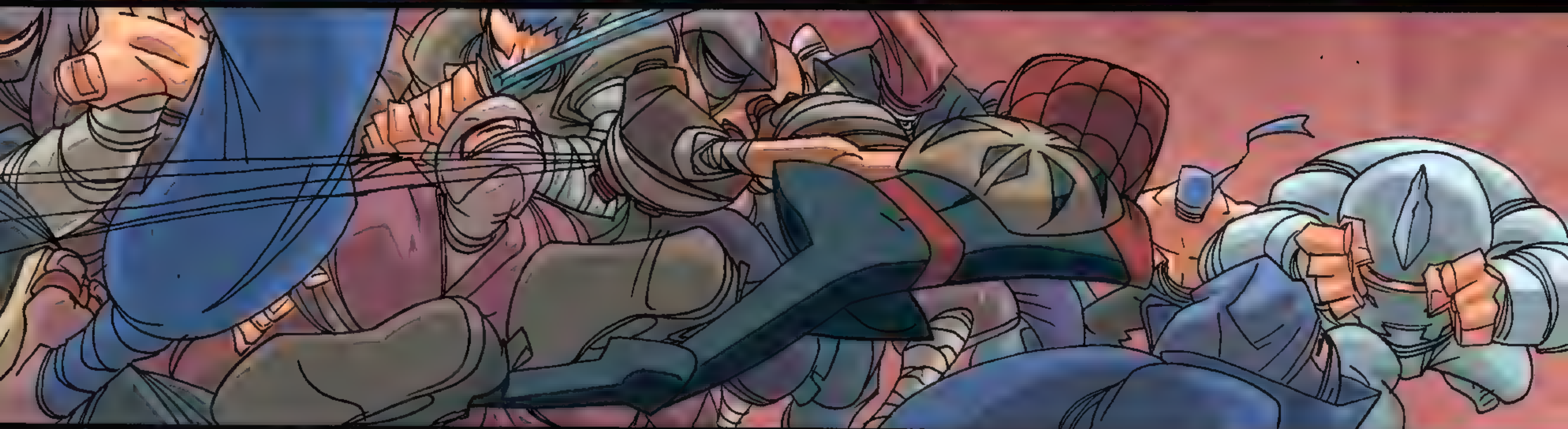
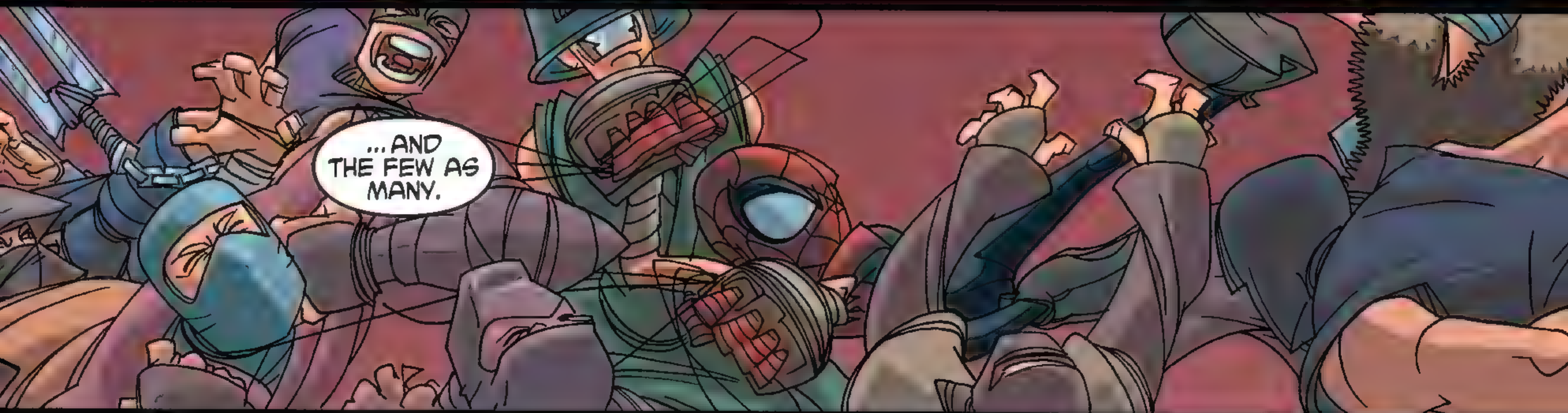


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Woo!

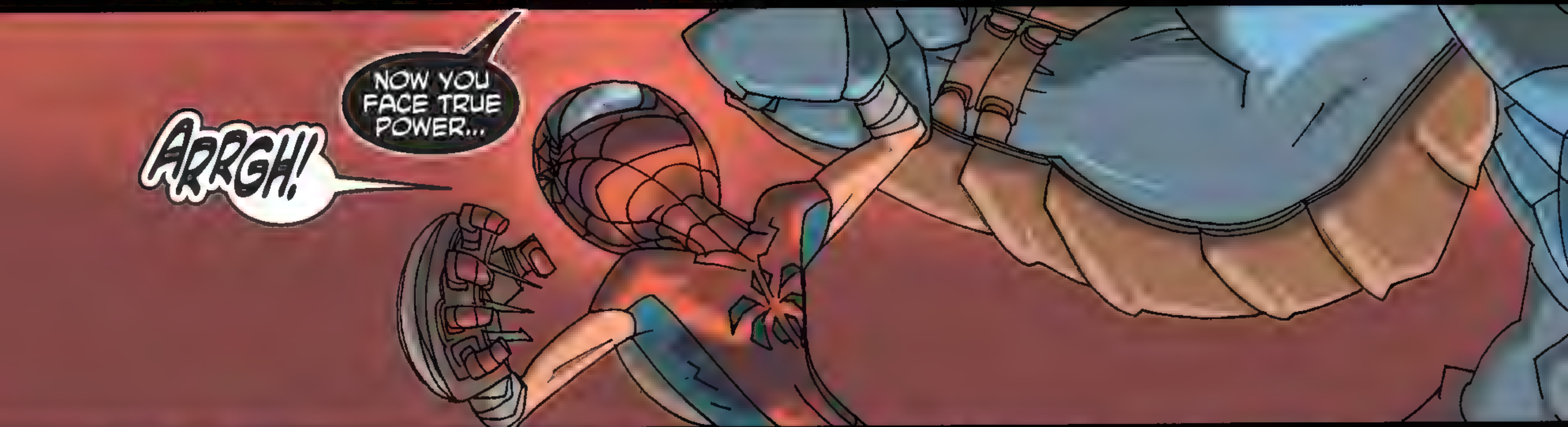








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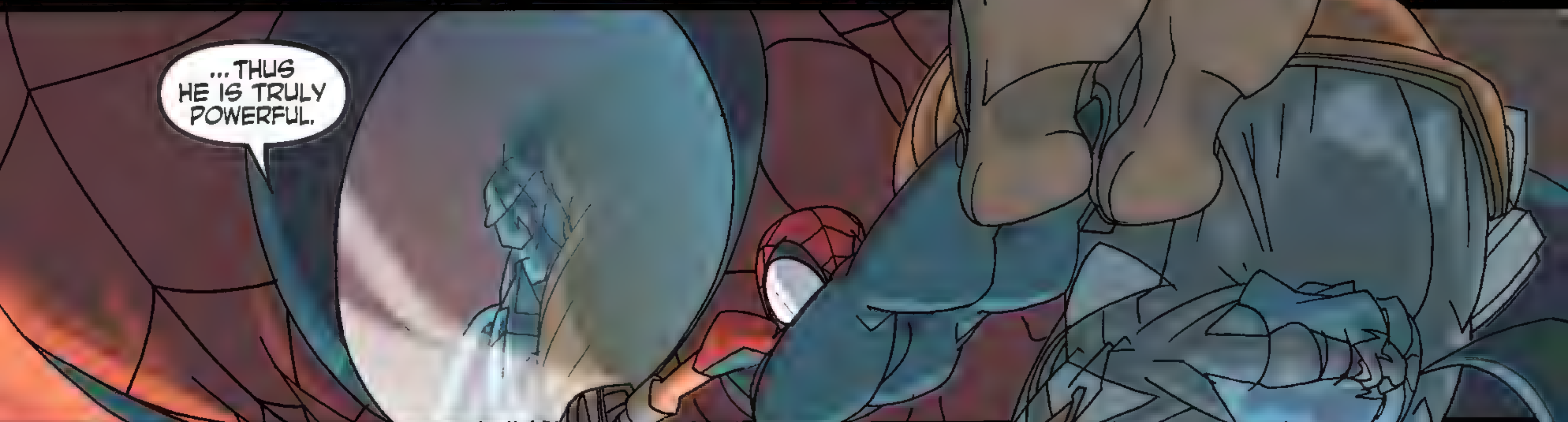


ARRGH!

NOW YOU
FACE TRUE
POWER...



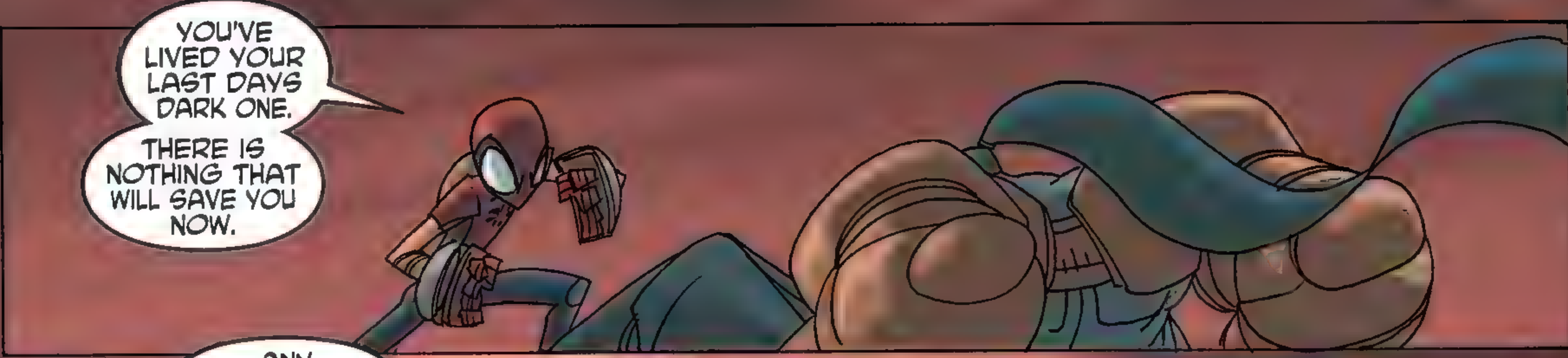
THE
TRUE MASTER...
DOESN'T TRY TO BE
POWERFUL...



...THUS
HE IS TRULY
POWERFUL.

UGHHHHH!





YOU'VE
LIVED YOUR
LAST DAYS
DARK ONE.
THERE IS
NOTHING THAT
WILL SAVE YOU
NOW.



ANY
FINAL WORDS
DEMON?



RRRRGGGG!

A full-page comic book illustration depicting a battle between Spider-Man and Doctor Octopus. Doctor Octopus, a large, blue, mechanical figure with a brown cape and a mask, is shown from the waist up, reaching out with his right arm towards Spider-Man. Spider-Man, in his iconic red and blue suit, is suspended in the air, having just dodged or been thrown by Doctor Octopus. He is holding onto a green web that is attached to the ground. The background is a rooftop with a grid pattern, and there is a large, jagged hole in the surface. Debris, including bricks and pieces of the rooftop, is flying through the air. The scene is set against a warm, orange-hued sky. Three speech bubbles are present: one from Doctor Octopus at the top left, one from Spider-Man in the middle, and one from Doctor Octopus at the bottom right.

FATE IS A FUNNY THING, YOUNG ONE.

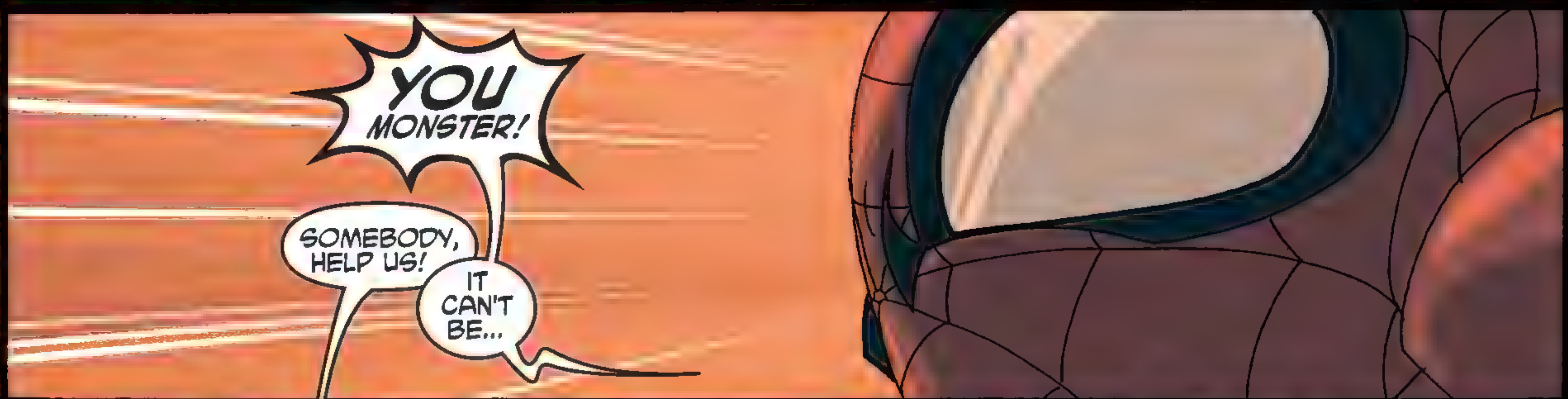
LOOK AT YOUR TECHNIQUE. WE TRULY ARE OF THE SAME SCHOOL.

YOU HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH ME!



LISTEN, BOY. HE MAY HAVE BEEN YOUR SENSEI, BUT HE WAS MY FATHER.

NO! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT! THE DAY YOU SOUGHT THE DARKNESS IS THE DAY YOU GAVE UP THAT RIGHT TO CALL HIM FATHER...



YOU MONSTER!

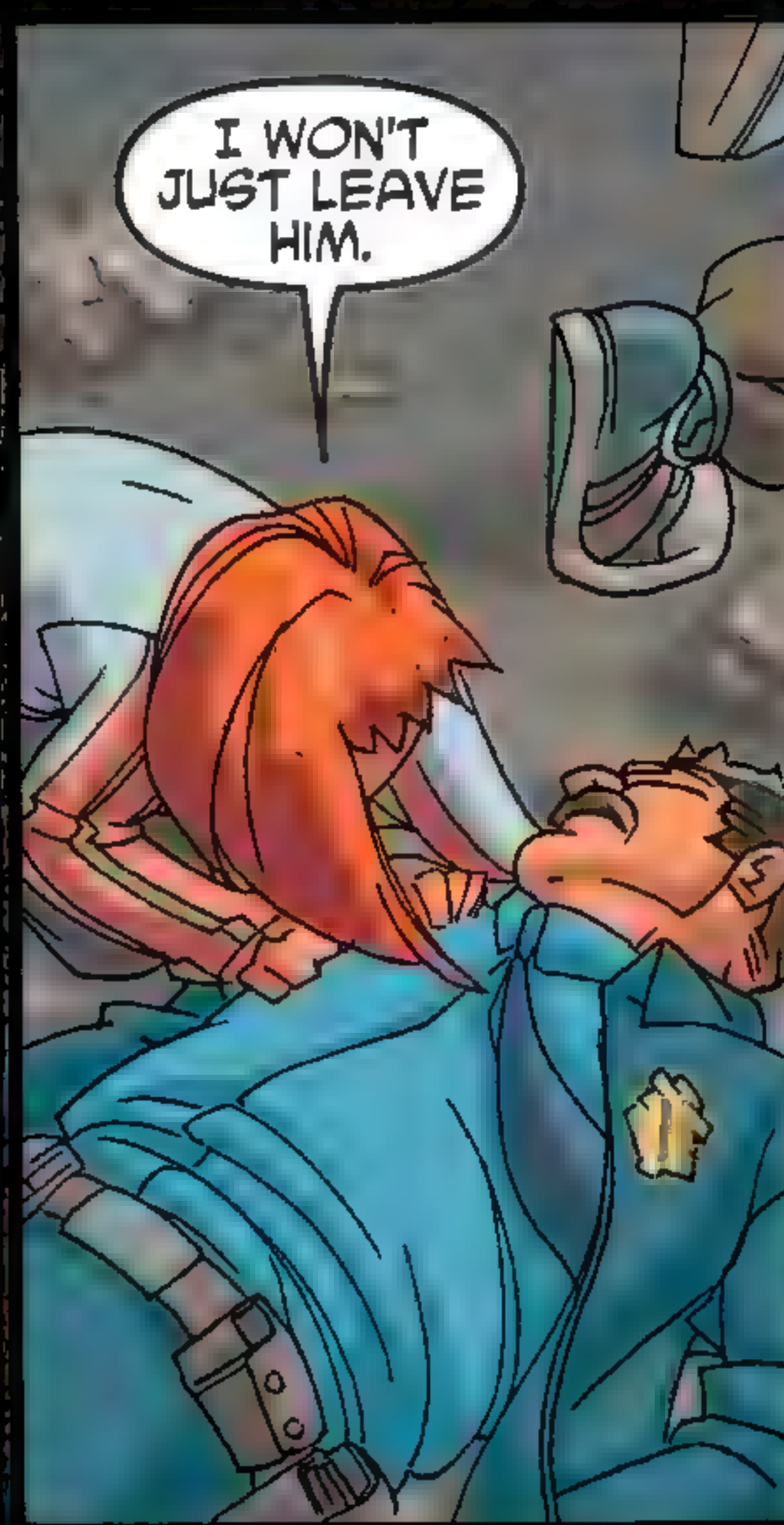
SOMEBODY, HELP US!

IT CAN'T BE...



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE MJ!

THIS GUY'S HURT!



I WON'T JUST LEAVE HIM.



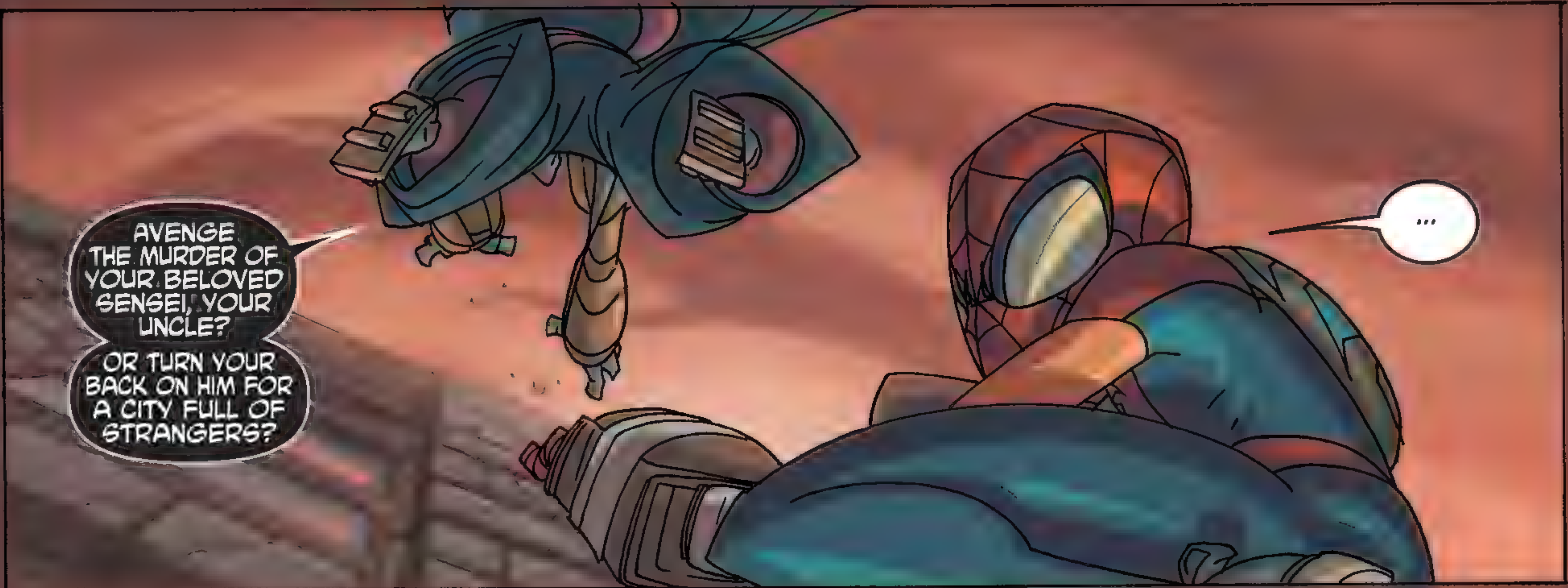
FOR GOD'S SAKE -- WILL SOMEBODY HELP US?!



IS THE POOR LITTLE SPIDER WORRIED ABOUT THE ANTS BELOW?

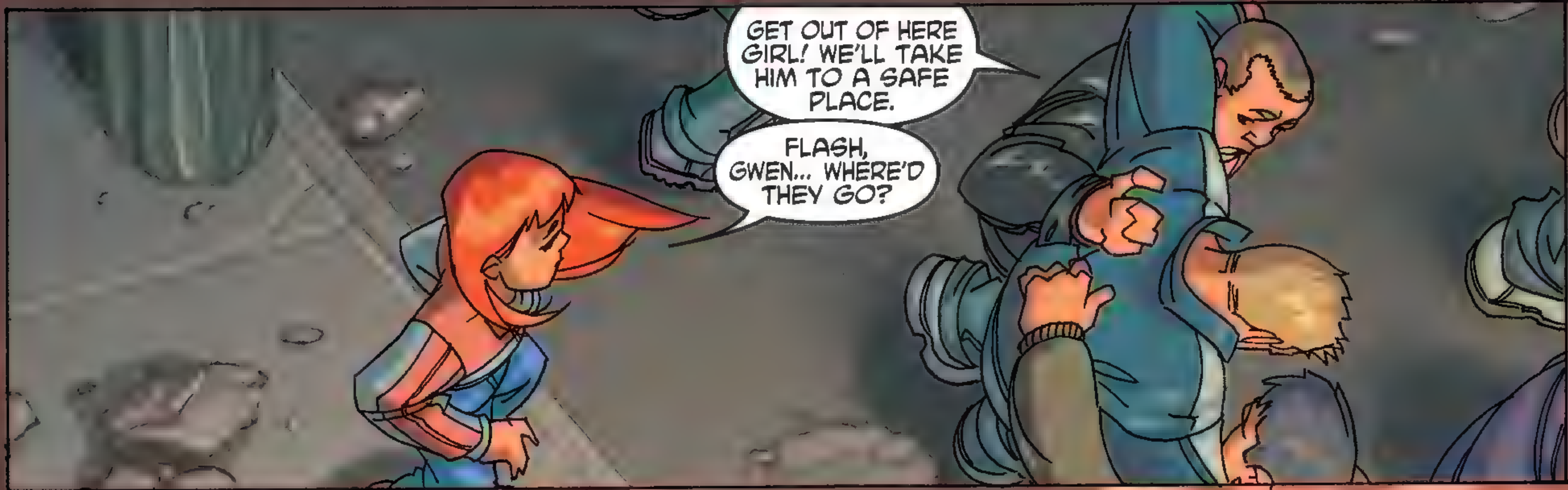
PERHAPS WE TRULY ARE DIFFERENT WARRIORS.

DECISION TIME BOY...



AVENGE
THE MURDER OF
YOUR BELOVED
SENSEI, YOUR
UNCLE?
OR TURN YOUR
BACK ON HIM FOR
A CITY FULL OF
STRANGERS?

...



GET OUT OF HERE
GIRL! WE'LL TAKE
HIM TO A SAFE
PLACE.

FLASH,
GWEN... WHERE'D
THEY GO?



I WILL HAVE
MY VENGEANCE,
DEMON. I'LL FOLLOW
YOU TO THE PITS OF
HELL AND BACK IF
I HAVE TO.
BUT NOT
TODAY -- TODAY,
I HAVE A CITY
TO SAVE!



I NEARLY
DIED, AT THE
HANDS OF
THE BOY...

...MORE
OF A SON
TO MY FATHER
THAN I EVER
WAS.

HE'S SHOWN
ME WHAT IT MEANS
TO GIVE YOURSELF TO
THE TASK. TO ACCEPT
AND EMBRACE
YOUR DESTINY.

SO I
HAVE TAKEN
THE POWER,
AND THE KUJI
KURI FOR
MYSELF.

THE
BOY LIVES.
YOU KINGPIN,
ARE NOT SO
LUCKY.
AND
SO IT WAS
ON THIS
DAY...



... I
WATCHED
A SPIDER
BECOME A
MAN.

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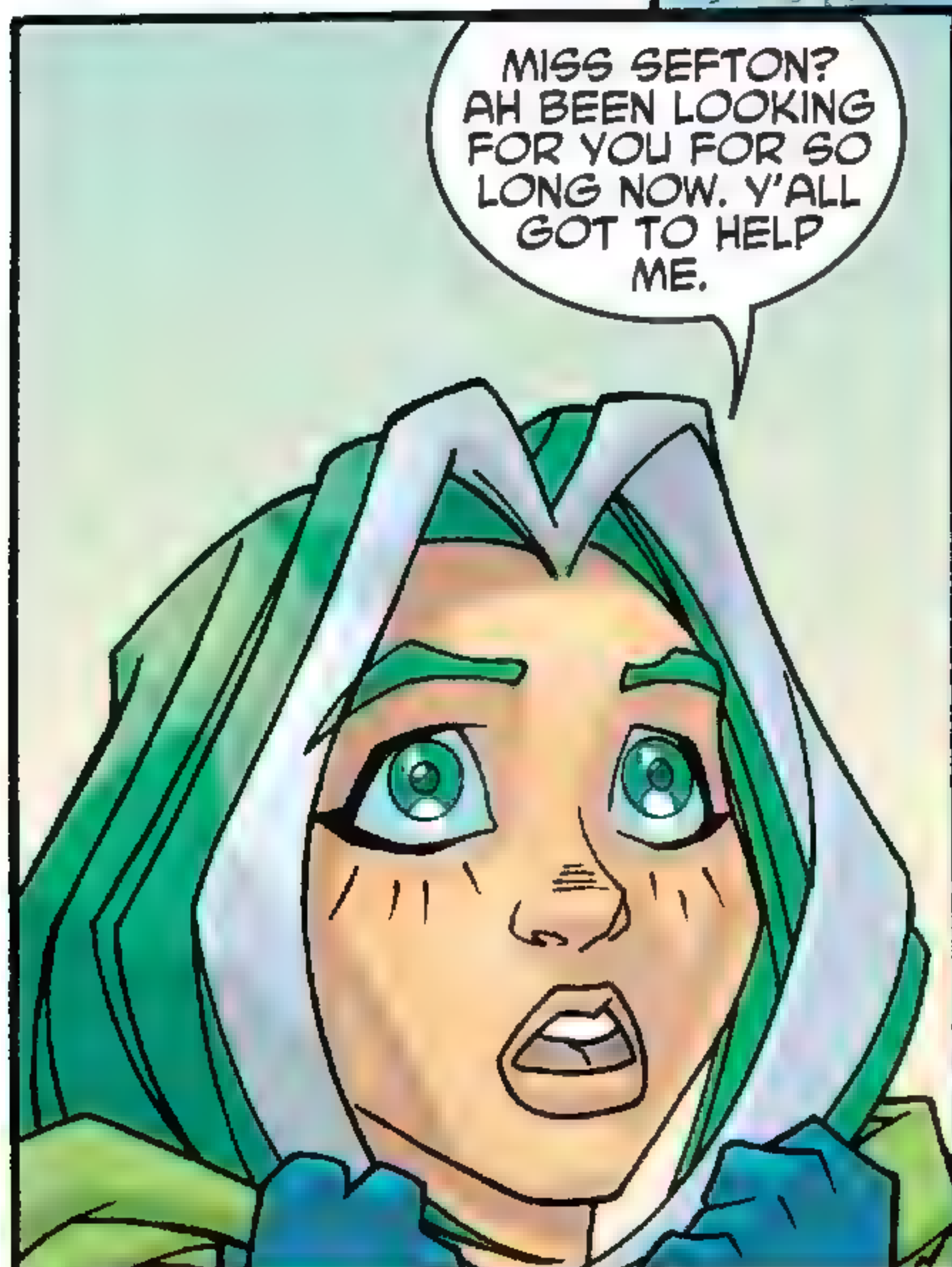


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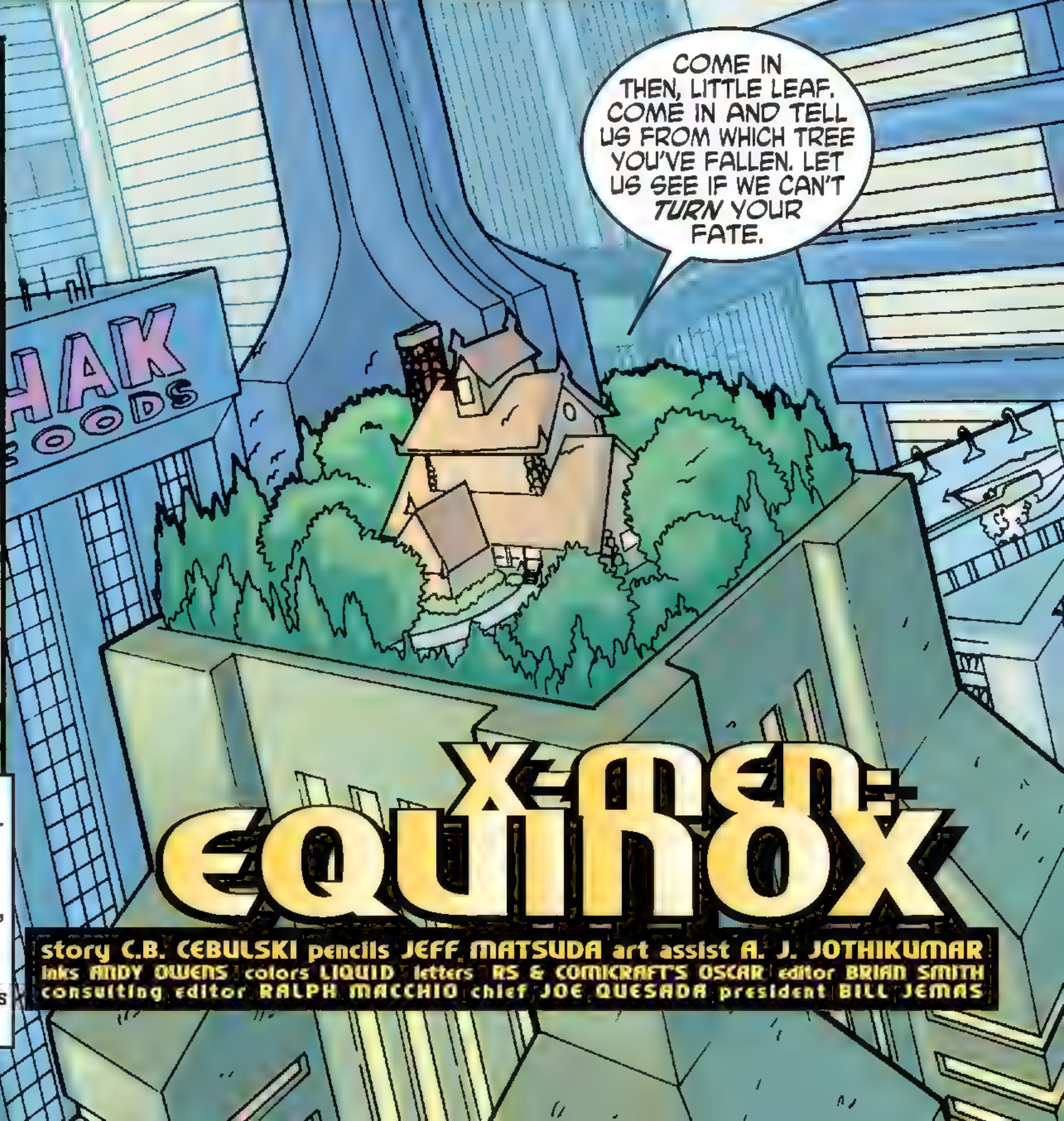


GREEN.
THE COLOR
OF ENVY.
SHOW ME
YOUR FACE,
CHILD.

MISS SEFTON?
AH BEEN LOOKING
FOR YOU FOR SO
LONG NOW. Y'ALL
GOT TO HELP
ME.



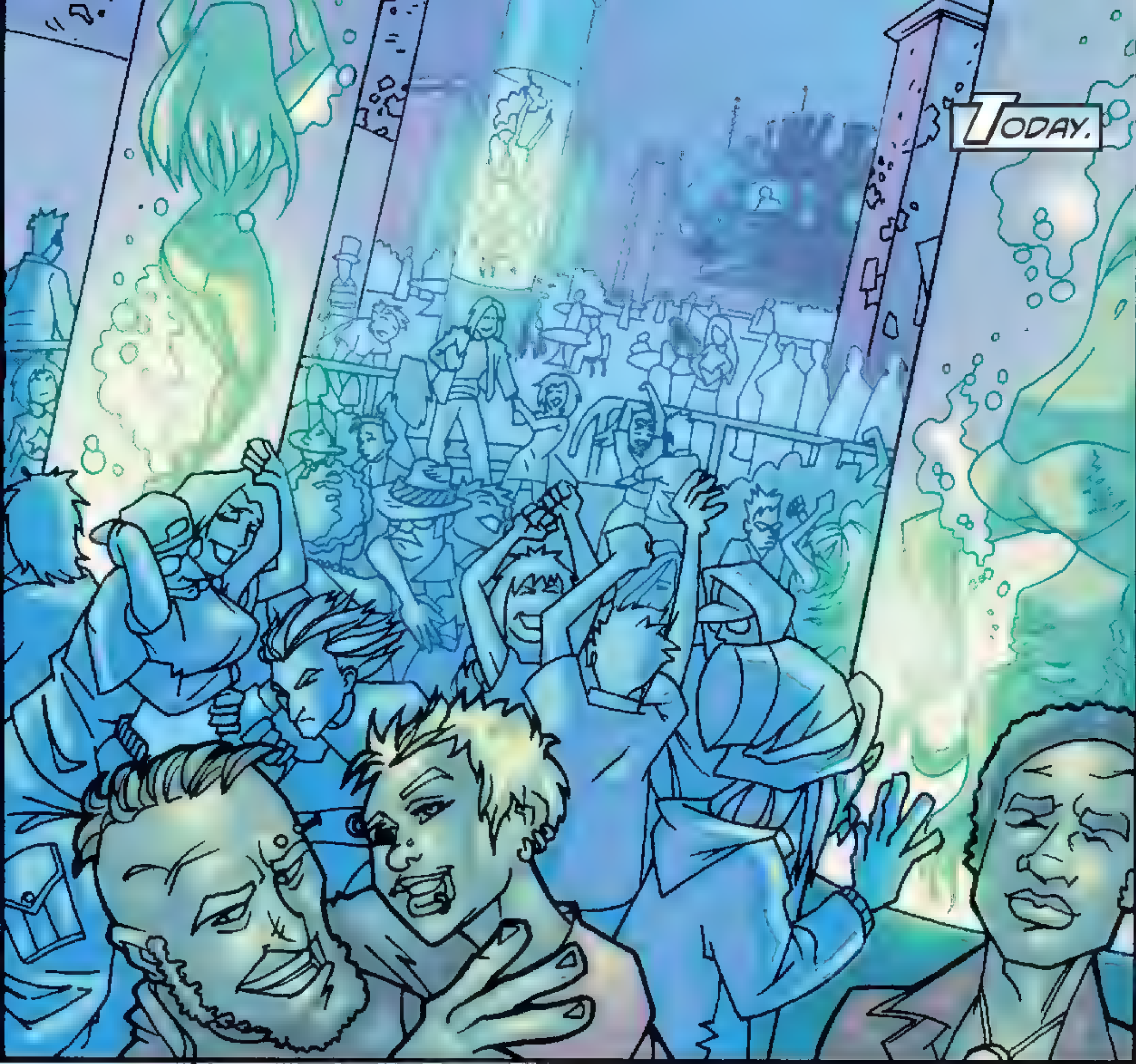
COME IN
THEN, LITTLE LEAF.
COME IN AND TELL
US FROM WHICH TREE
YOU'VE FALLEN. LET
US SEE IF WE CAN'T
TURN YOUR
FATE.



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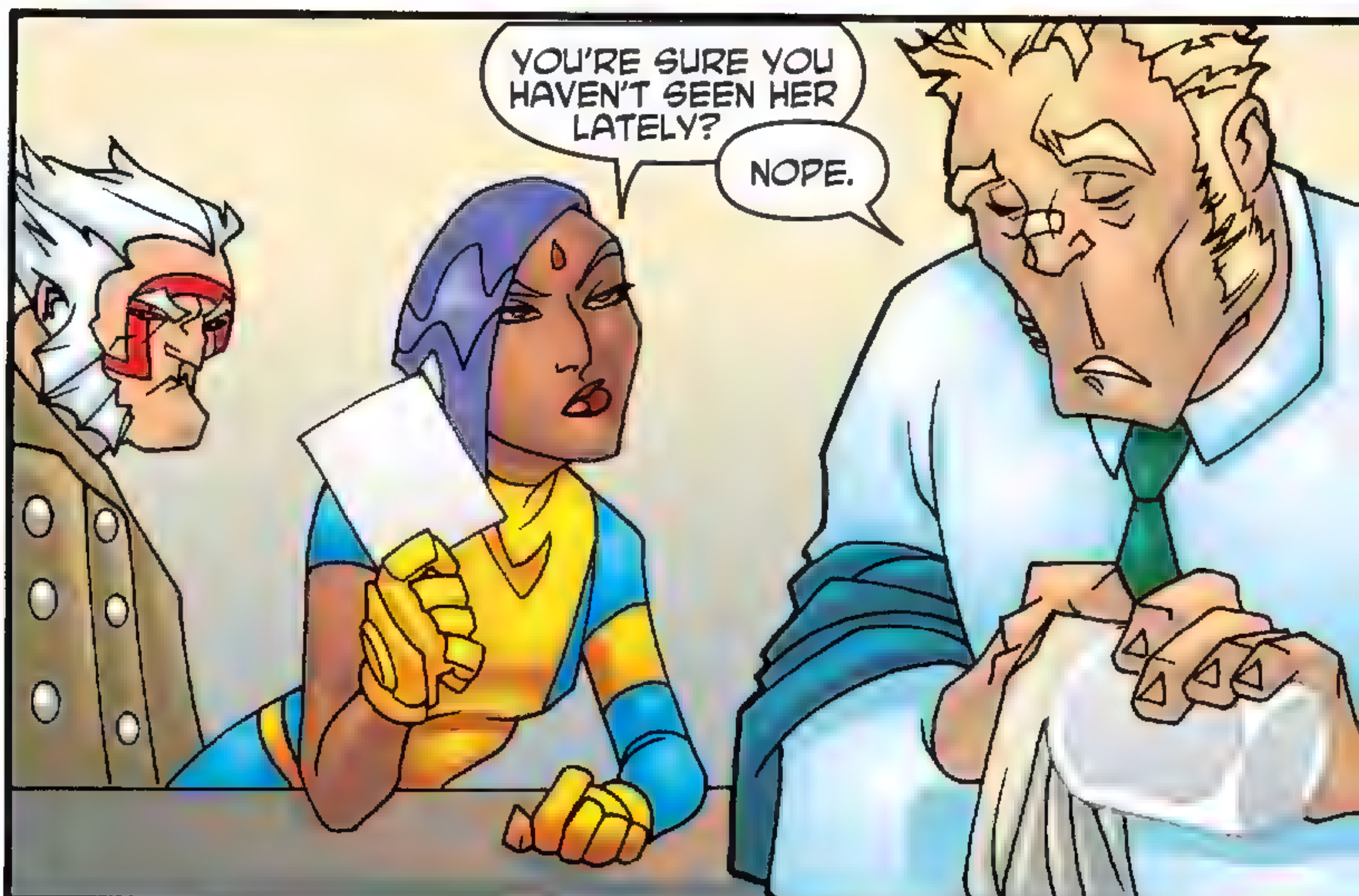
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TODAY.



SHE USED TO FLOAT IN HERE FROM TIME TO TIME.



YOU'RE SURE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER LATELY?

NOPE.



GRRRR

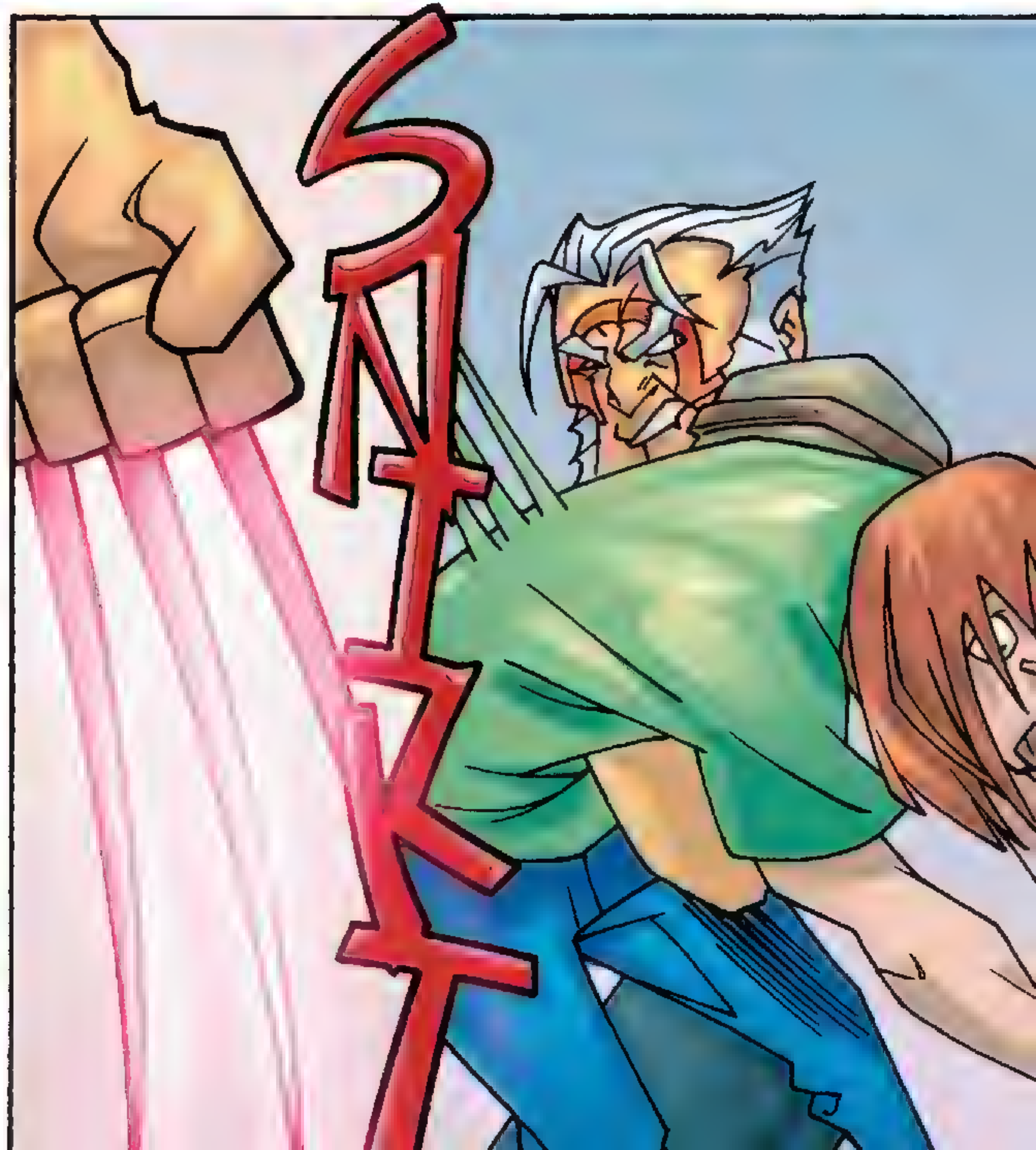
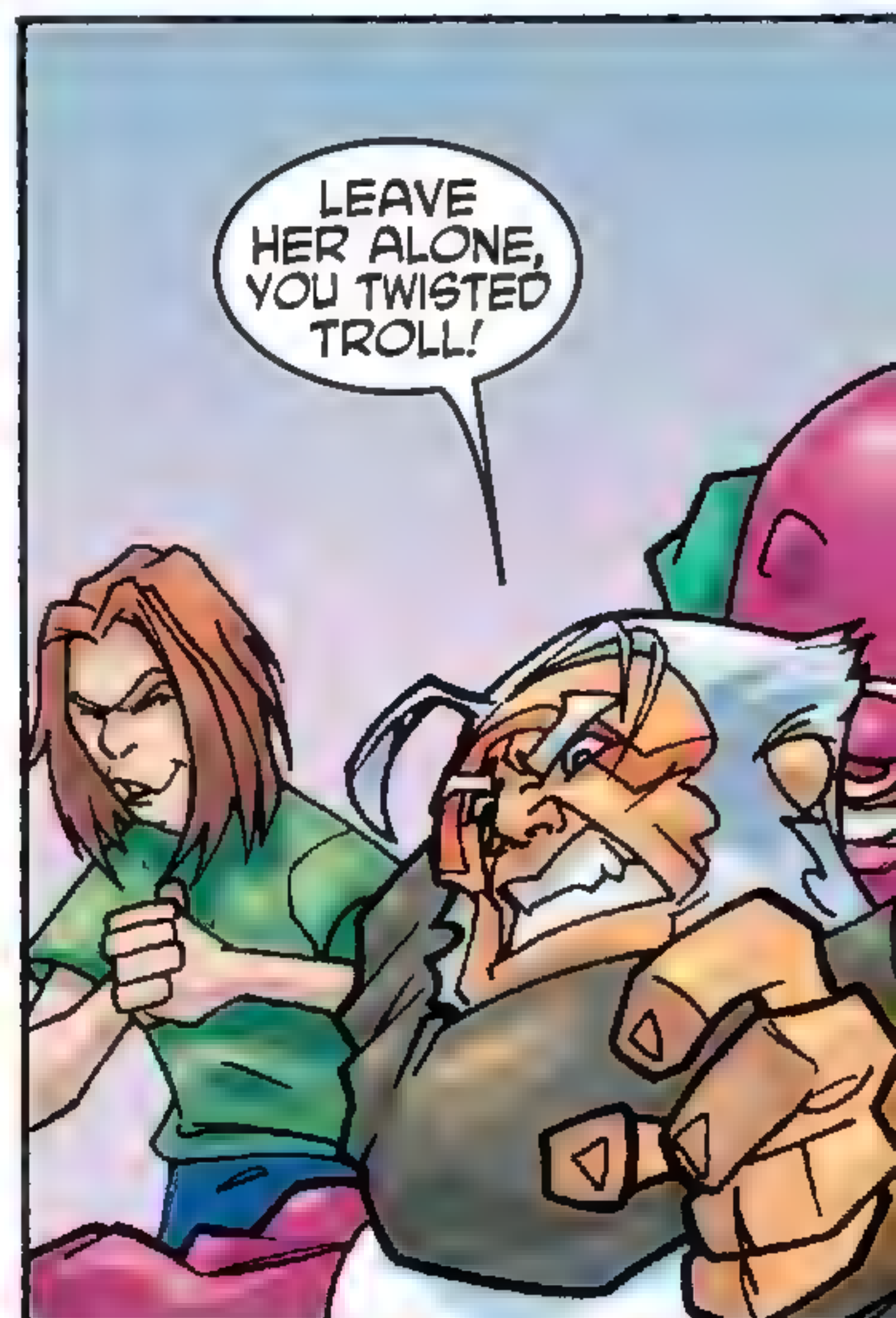


UMMM... WELL... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

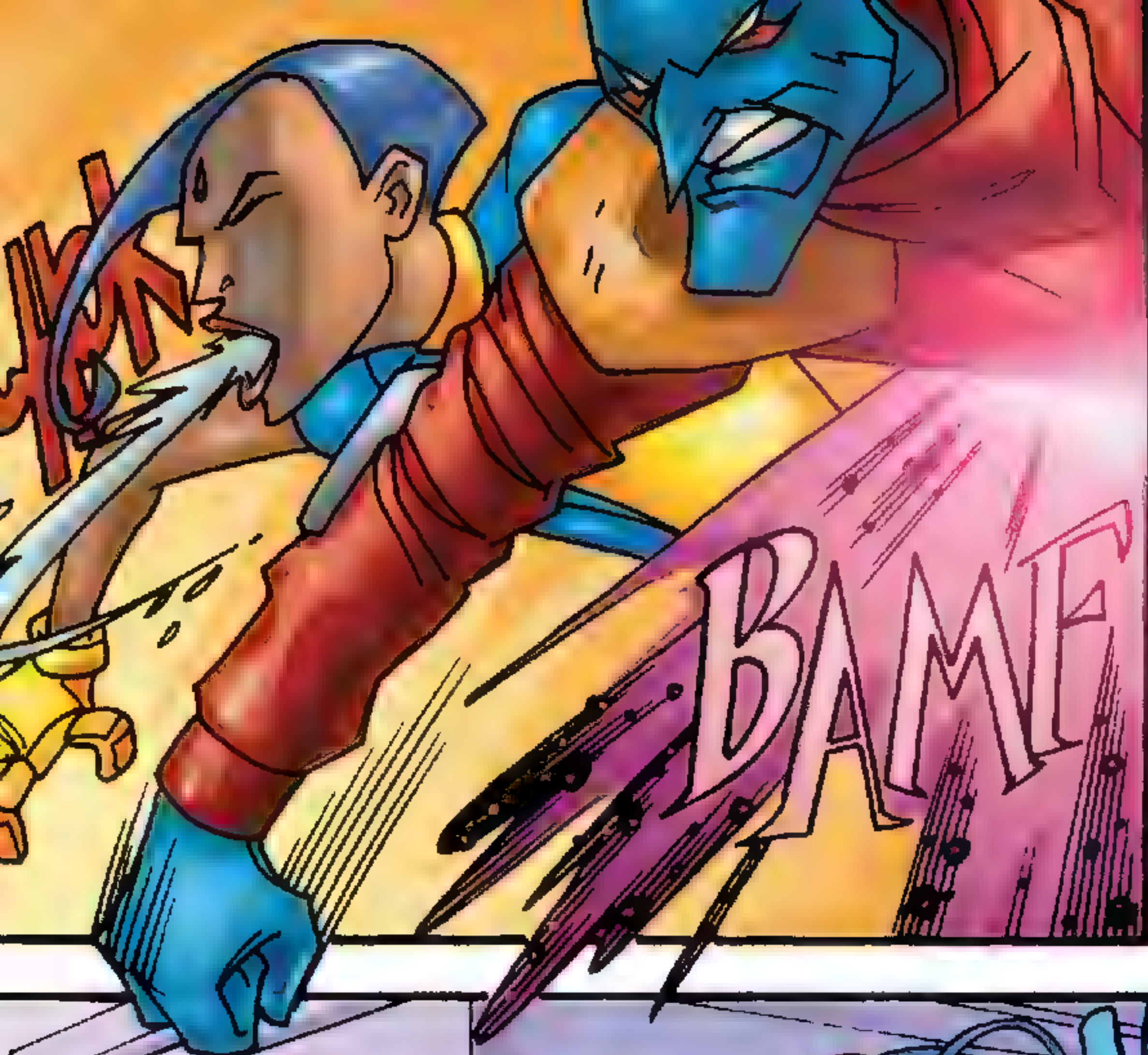


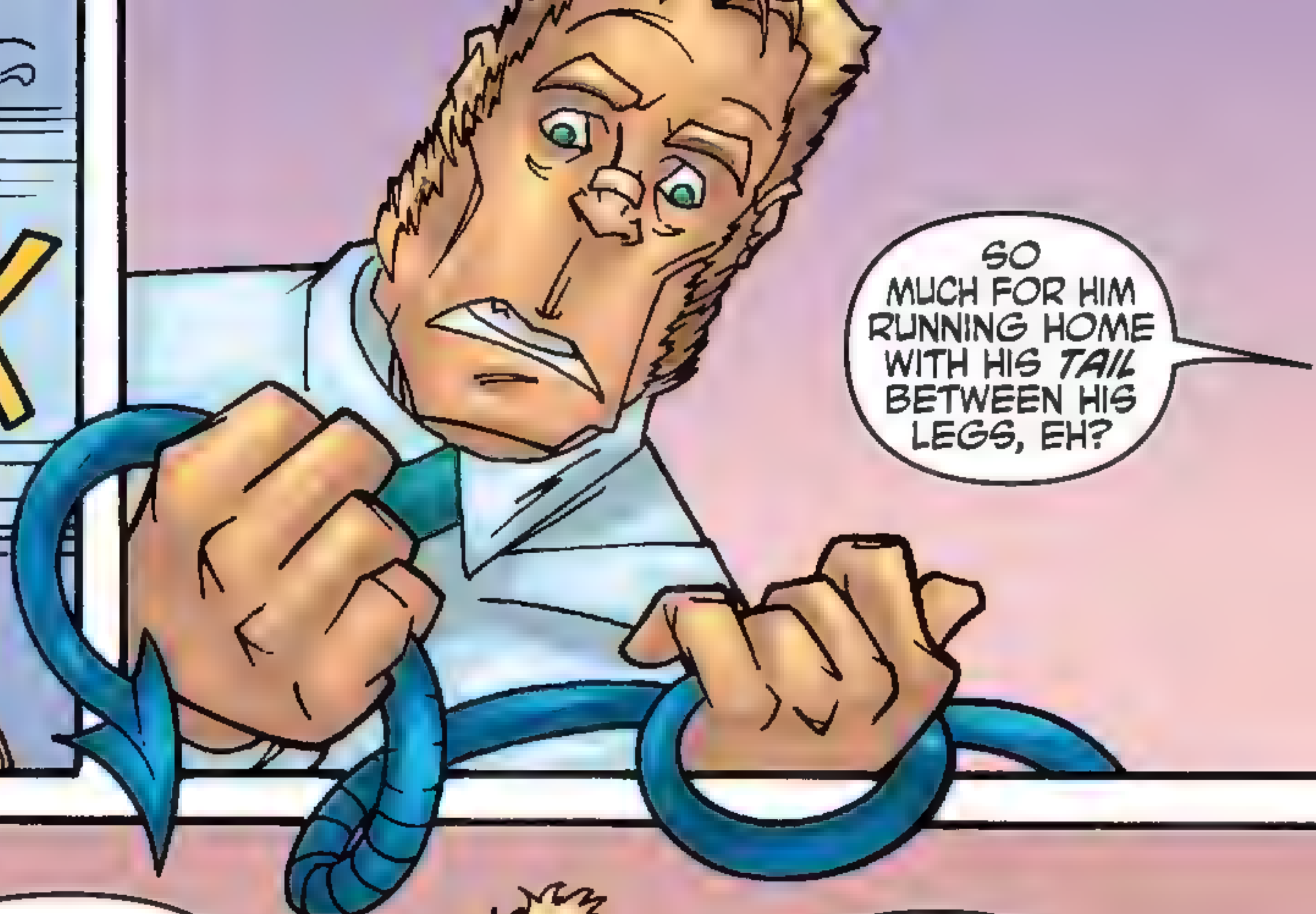
LET'S SEE IF I CAN'T HELP JOG THAT MEMORY OF YOURS, BUB!

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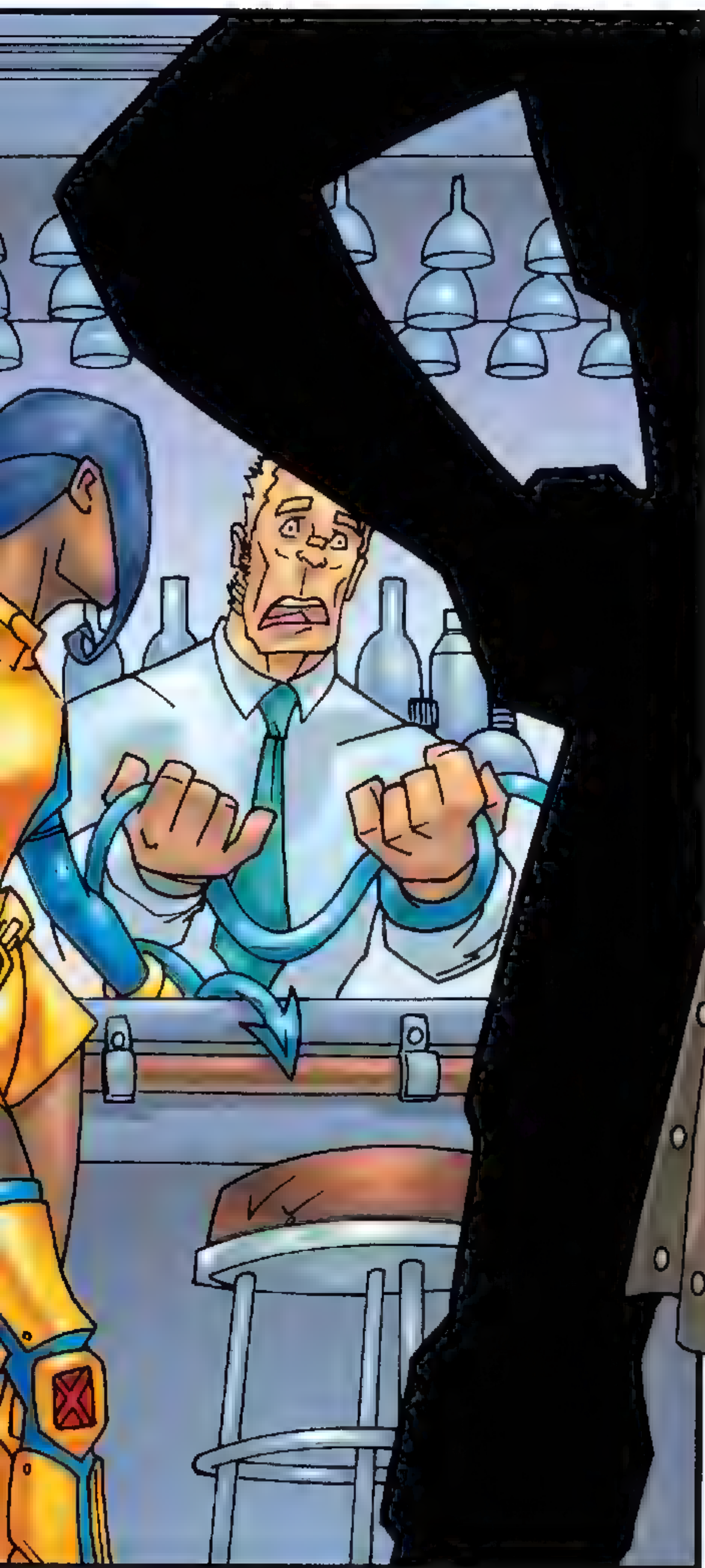






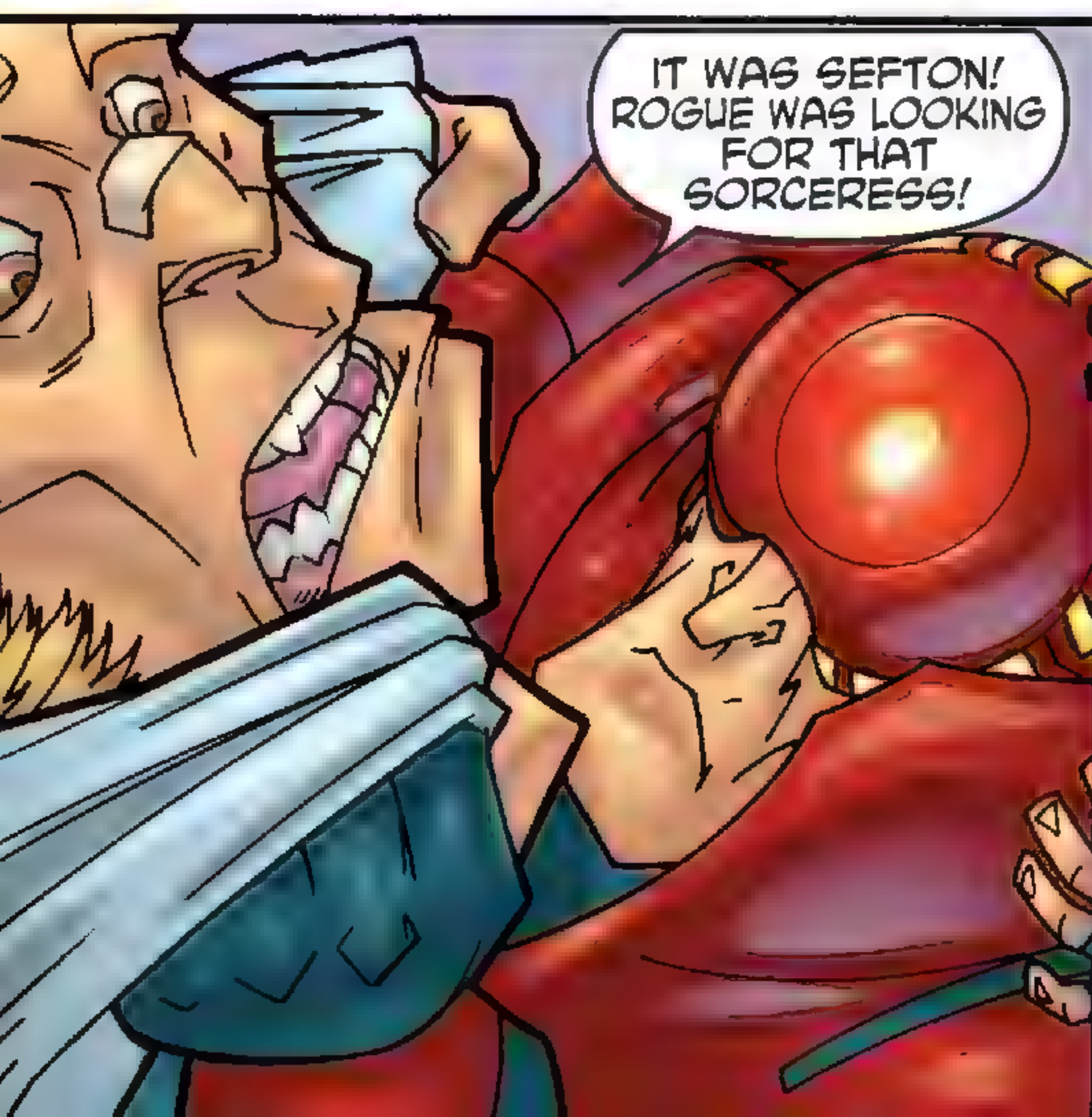


SO MUCH FOR HIM RUNNING HOME WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS, EH?



NOW, WE KNOW SHE WAS HERE. HER SCENT IS ALL OVER THIS JOINT. SO TELL US SOMETHING WE DON'T KNOW.

ALRIGHT ALREADY!

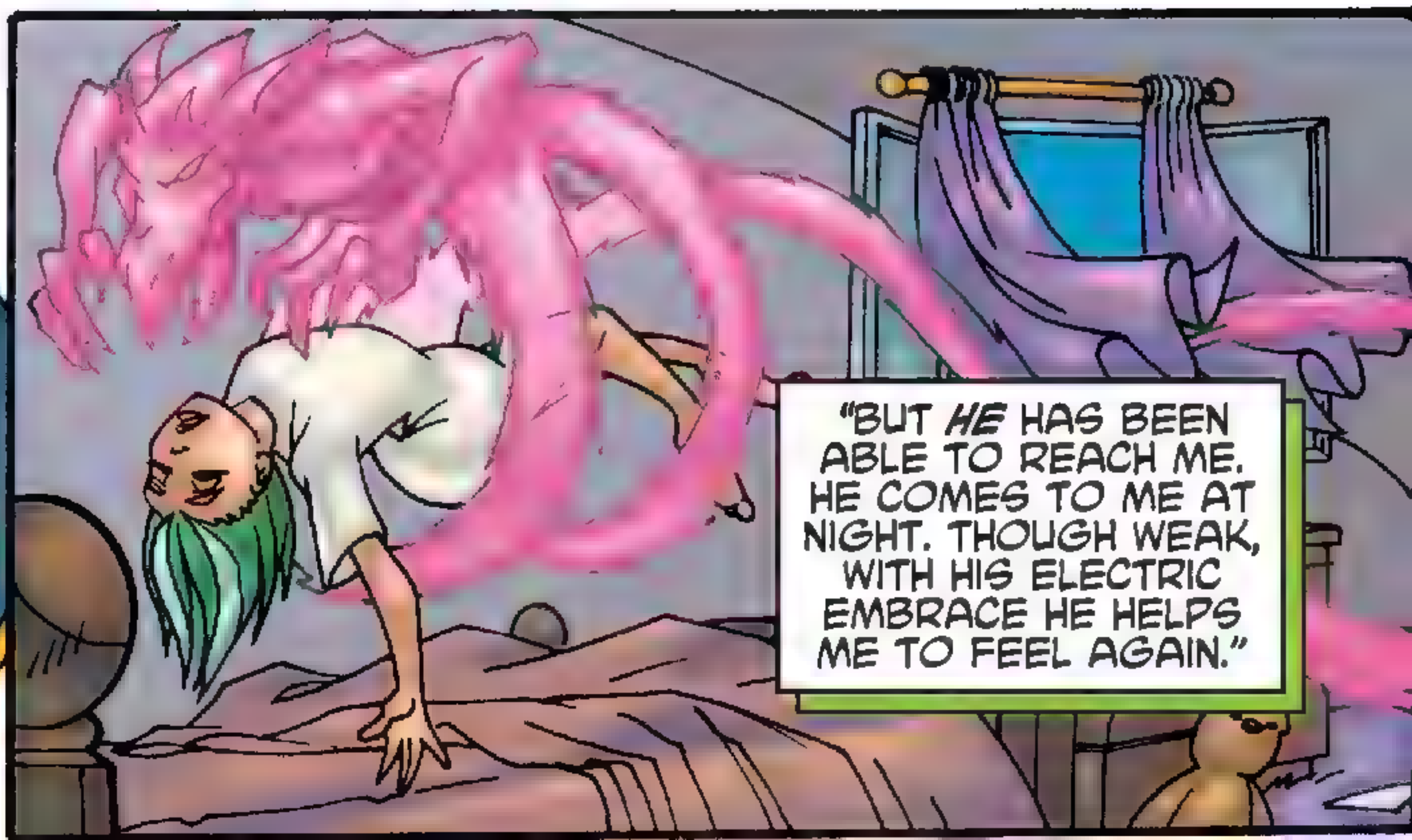
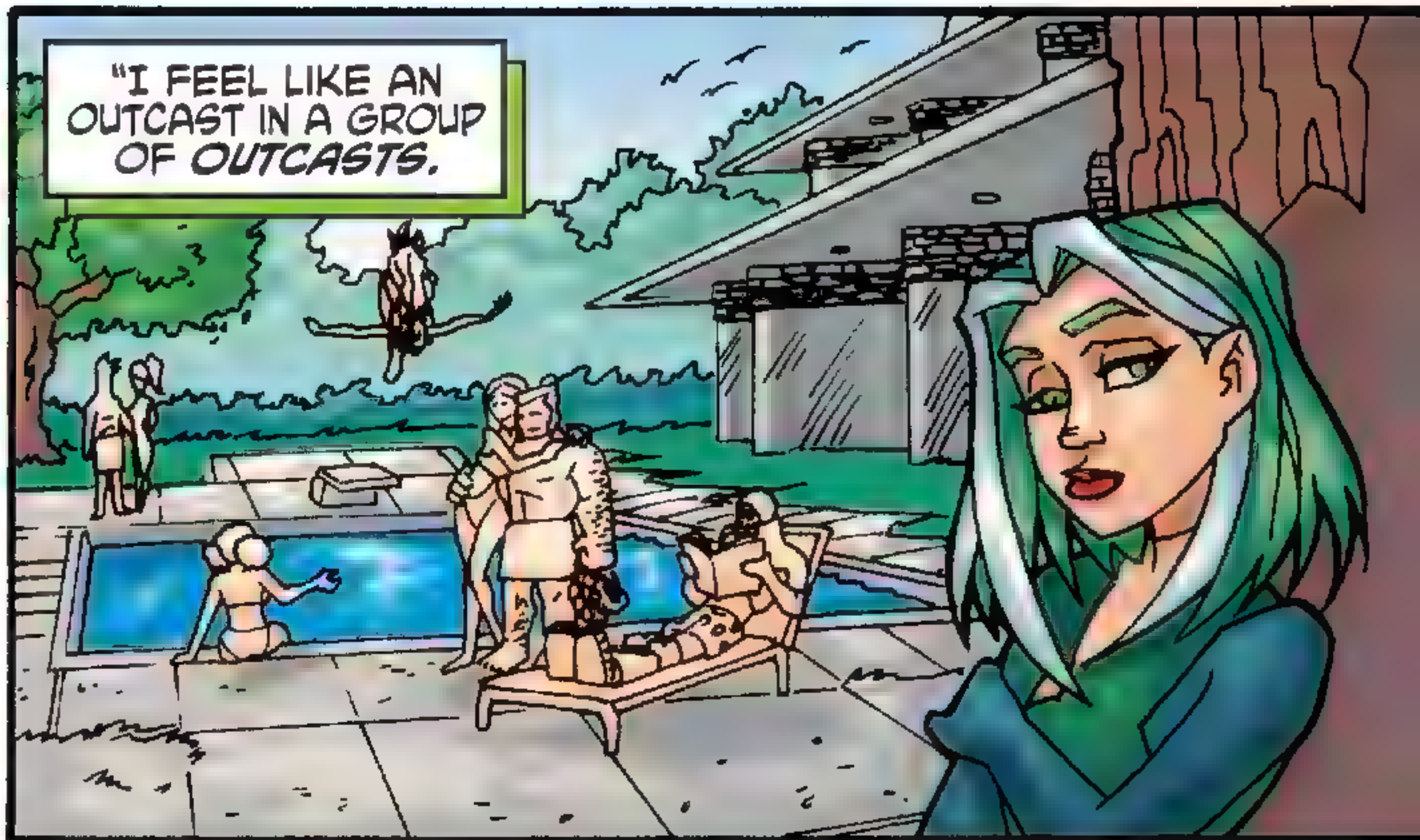


IT WAS SEFTON! ROGUE WAS LOOKING FOR THAT SORCERESS!



DAMN! STORM IS NOT GOING TO LIKE THIS.

THUMP!







AMANDA SEPTON AND I WERE ONCE SISTERS IN A POWERFUL COVEN OF WITCHES.

AS THE COVEN GREW, SO DID AMANDA'S DESIRE FOR *POWER*. SHE STARTED PRACTICING DARKER ARTS TO MORE QUICKLY INCREASE HER ARCANIC ABILITIES. IN HER GROWING ARROGANCE, SHE TOOK RISKS THAT NO SANE MYSTIC WOULD ATTEMPT ALONE.

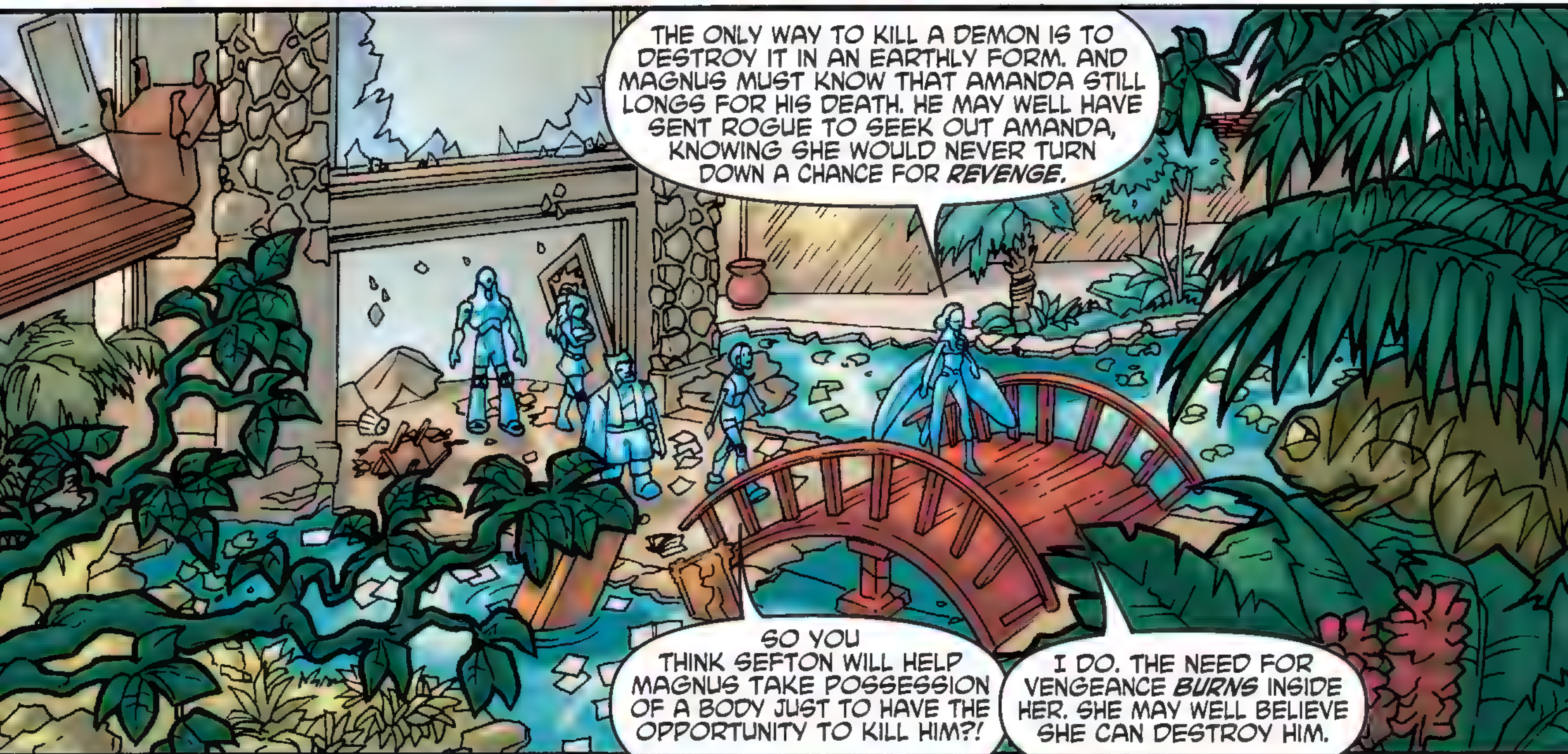
ONE FATEFUL NIGHT, SHE SUMMONED AN ELECTROMAGNETIC *DEMON* NAMED MAGNUS TO EARTH. UNABLE TO CONTAIN HIS POWER BY HERSELF, THE *EVIL* OF MAGNUS WAS UNLEASHED UPON THE COVEN.

AMANDA AND I WERE ABLE TO FEND HIM OFF AND CAST A *SPELL* RENDERING HIM POWERLESS. WE THEN BANISHED HIM TO THE EARTH'S ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD, WHERE HIS *SPIRIT* IS STILL HELD CAPTIVE BY THE STRONGER FORCES PRESENT THERE.

WITH NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN, WOLVERINE ASKED US TO JOIN HIS X-MEN. I ACCEPTED BUT AMANDA SPURNED HIS OFFER. SHE FEELS *MAGIC* PUTS HER IN A CLASS ABOVE HUMANS AND MUTANTS.



YOU THINK AMANDA SEFTON WOULD HELP ROGUE BRING MAGNUS BACK TO EARTH? BUT WHY? HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE **DESTRUCTION** OF YOUR COVEN!



THE ONLY WAY TO KILL A DEMON IS TO DESTROY IT IN AN EARTHLY FORM. AND MAGNUS MUST KNOW THAT AMANDA STILL LONGS FOR HIS DEATH. HE MAY WELL HAVE SENT ROGUE TO SEEK OUT AMANDA, KNOWING SHE WOULD NEVER TURN DOWN A CHANCE FOR **REVENGE**.

SO YOU THINK SEFTON WILL HELP MAGNUS TAKE POSSESSION OF A BODY JUST TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL HIM?!

I DO. THE NEED FOR VENGEANCE **BURNS** INSIDE HER. SHE MAY WELL BELIEVE SHE CAN DESTROY HIM.



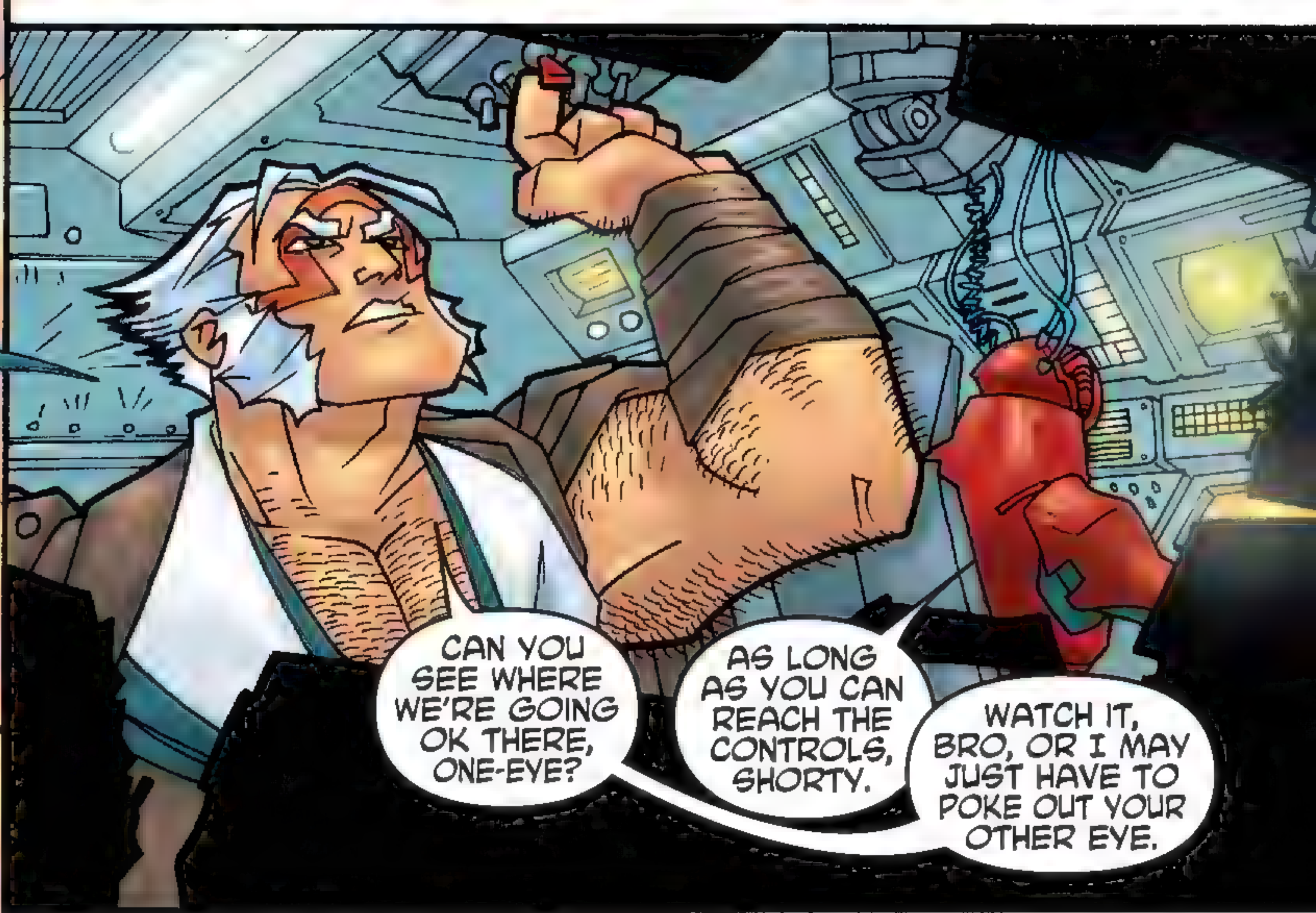
"...BUT FLESH CANNOT CONTAIN HIM." ANY THOUGHTS, STORM?

MAGNUS IS A DEMON, A SENTIENT SPIRIT COMPOSED OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE. A **METALLIC** FORM OF SOME KIND IS POSSIBLY THE ONLY THING THAT COULD CONTAIN HIM.



AND JUST WHERE WOULD MAGNUS AND SEFTON GET A BIG METAL BODY?

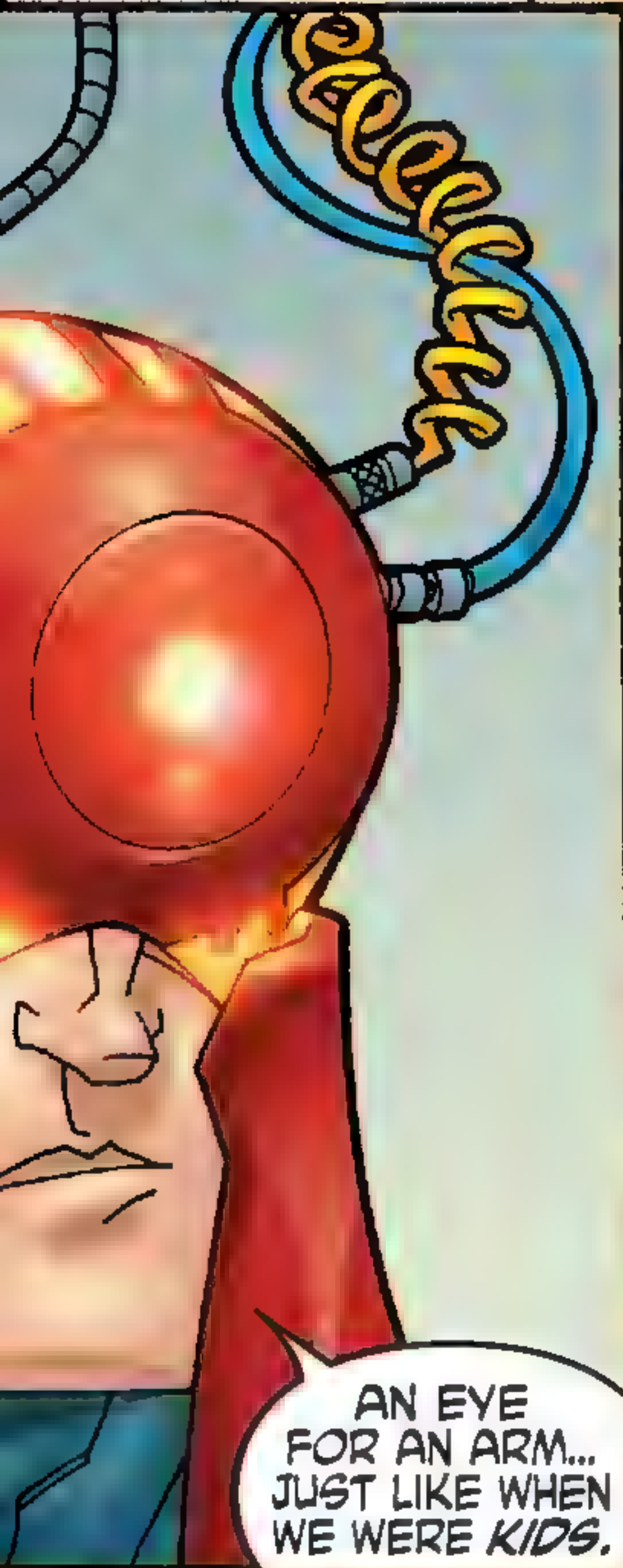
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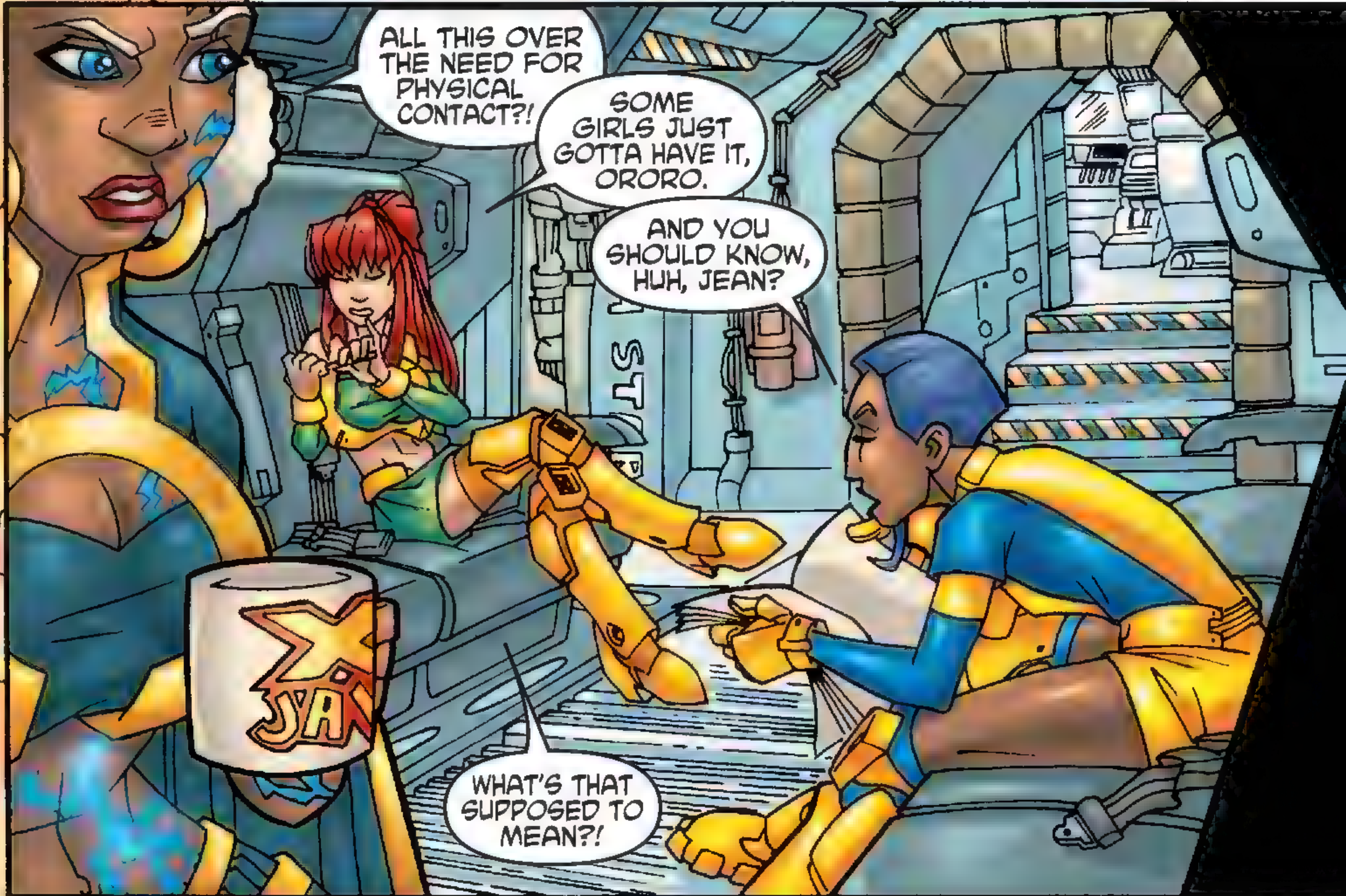
CAN YOU SEE WHERE WE'RE GOING OK THERE, ONE-EYE?

AS LONG AS YOU CAN REACH THE CONTROLS, SHORTY.

WATCH IT, BRO, OR I MAY JUST HAVE TO POKE OUT YOUR OTHER EYE.



AN EYE FOR AN ARM... JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE KIDS.

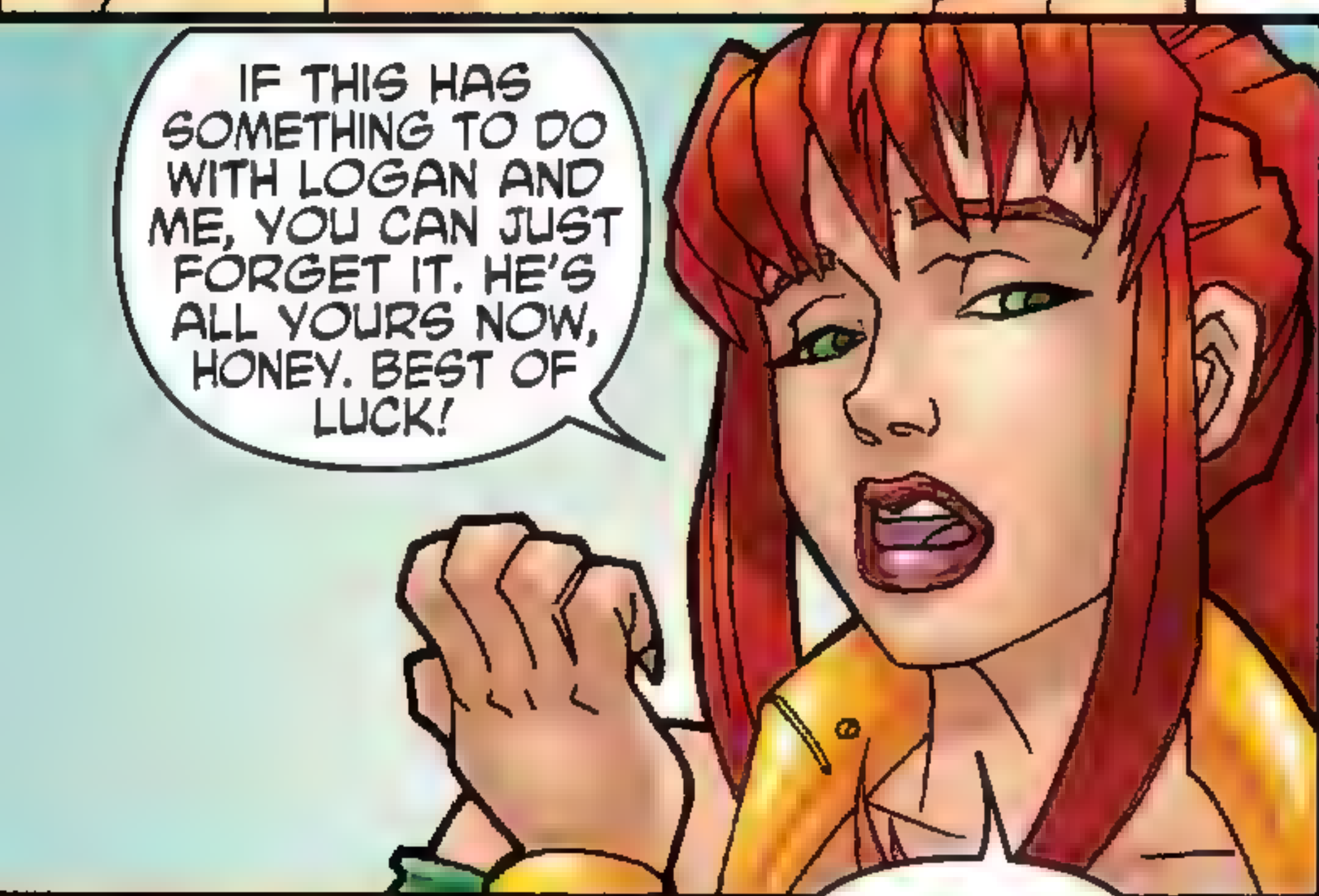


ALL THIS OVER THE NEED FOR PHYSICAL CONTACT?!

SOME GIRLS JUST GOTTA HAVE IT, ORORO.

AND YOU SHOULD KNOW, HUH, JEAN?

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!



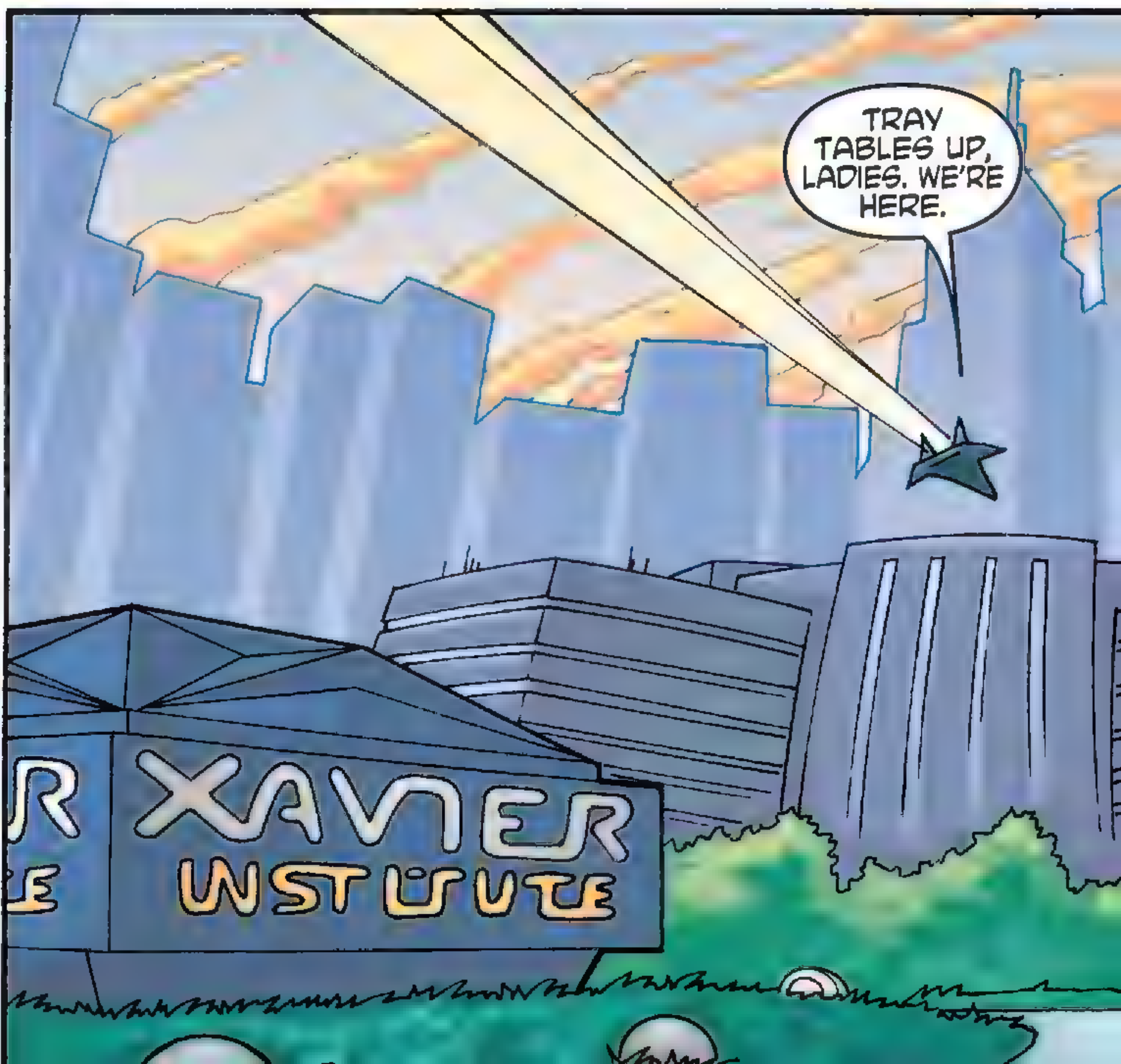
IF THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH LOGAN AND ME, YOU CAN JUST FORGET IT. HE'S ALL YOURS NOW, HONEY. BEST OF LUCK!



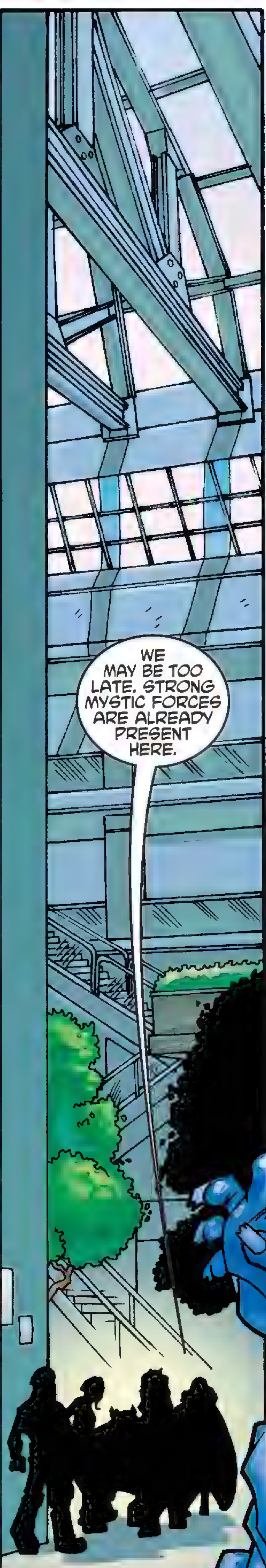
BUT NOW CYCLOPS ON THE OTHER HAND...

YOU MUST BE JOKING?!

GET HIM TO TAKE OFF THAT HELMET AND HE'D BE QUITE A CATCH...



TRAY TABLES UP, LADIES. WE'RE HERE.



I GUESS ALL THOSE JOKES ABOUT YOU WITCHES AND YOUR FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WERE *SERIOUS* AFTER ALL.

MAGIC HAS NO ODOR.

SNIFF SNIFF

BRIMSTONE? WE'RE NOT ALONE.

HACK

THE AZURE!

THE RUNT'S MINE!

GO GET 'EM, BEAST!

BAMF

YOU'RE GONNA PAY, LOSER!

ORORO, STOP SEFT...

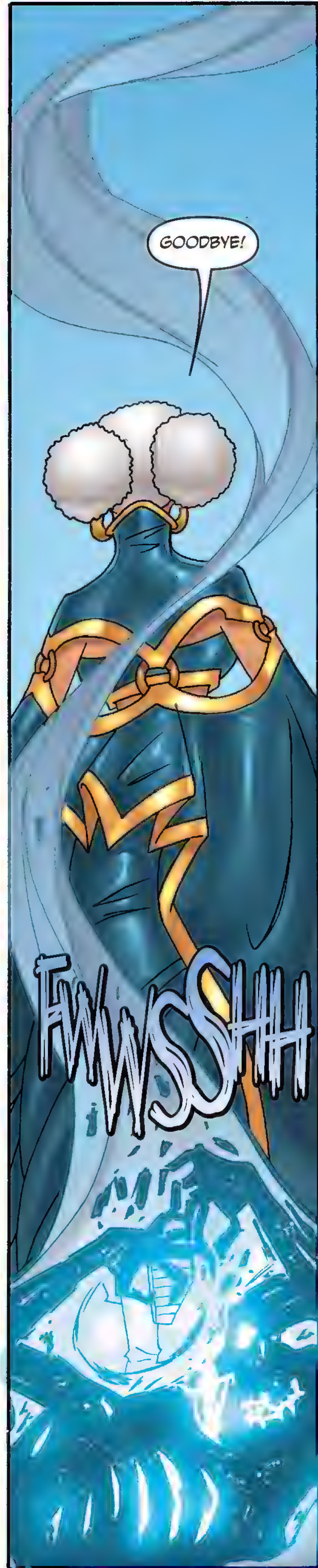
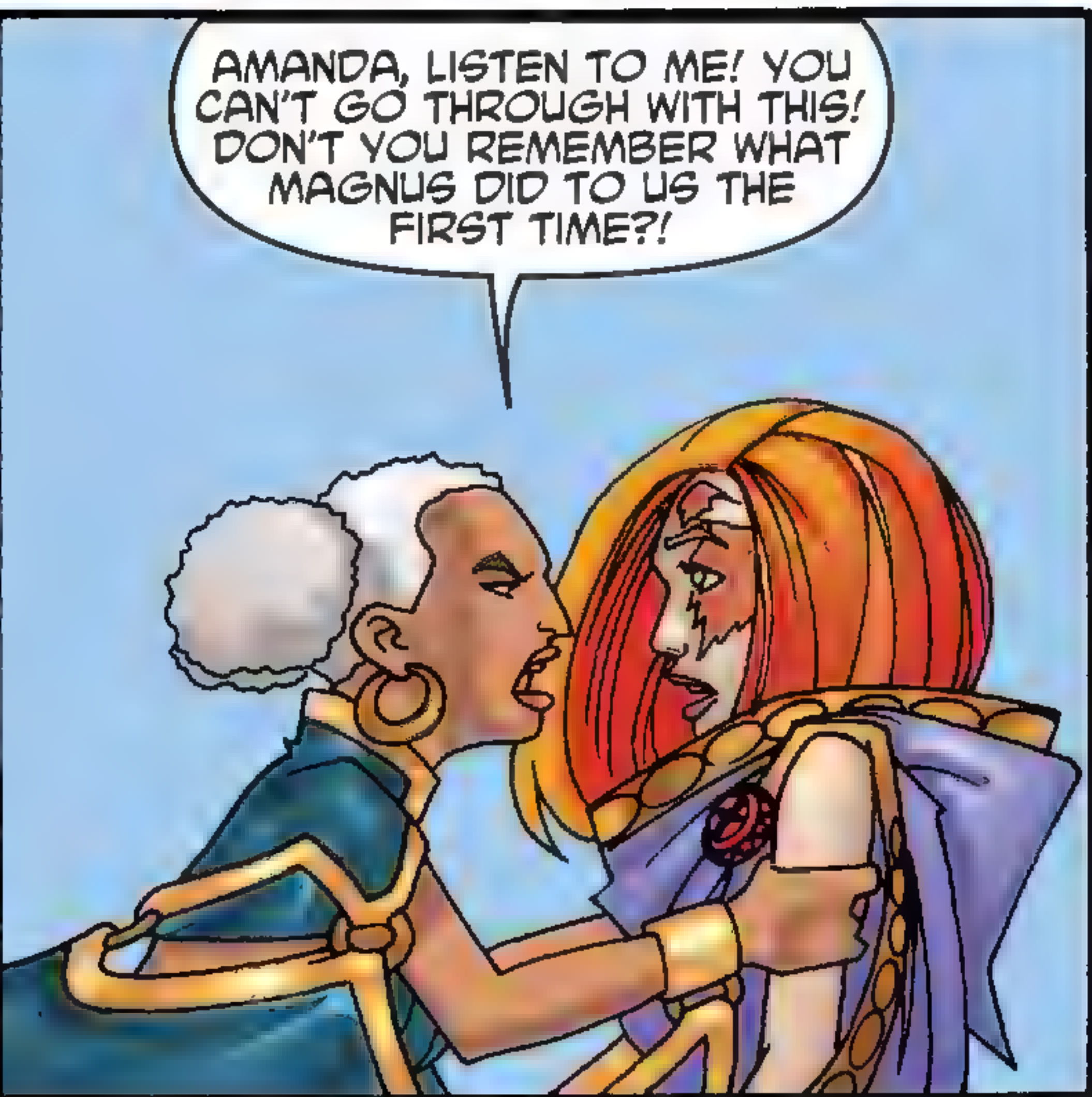
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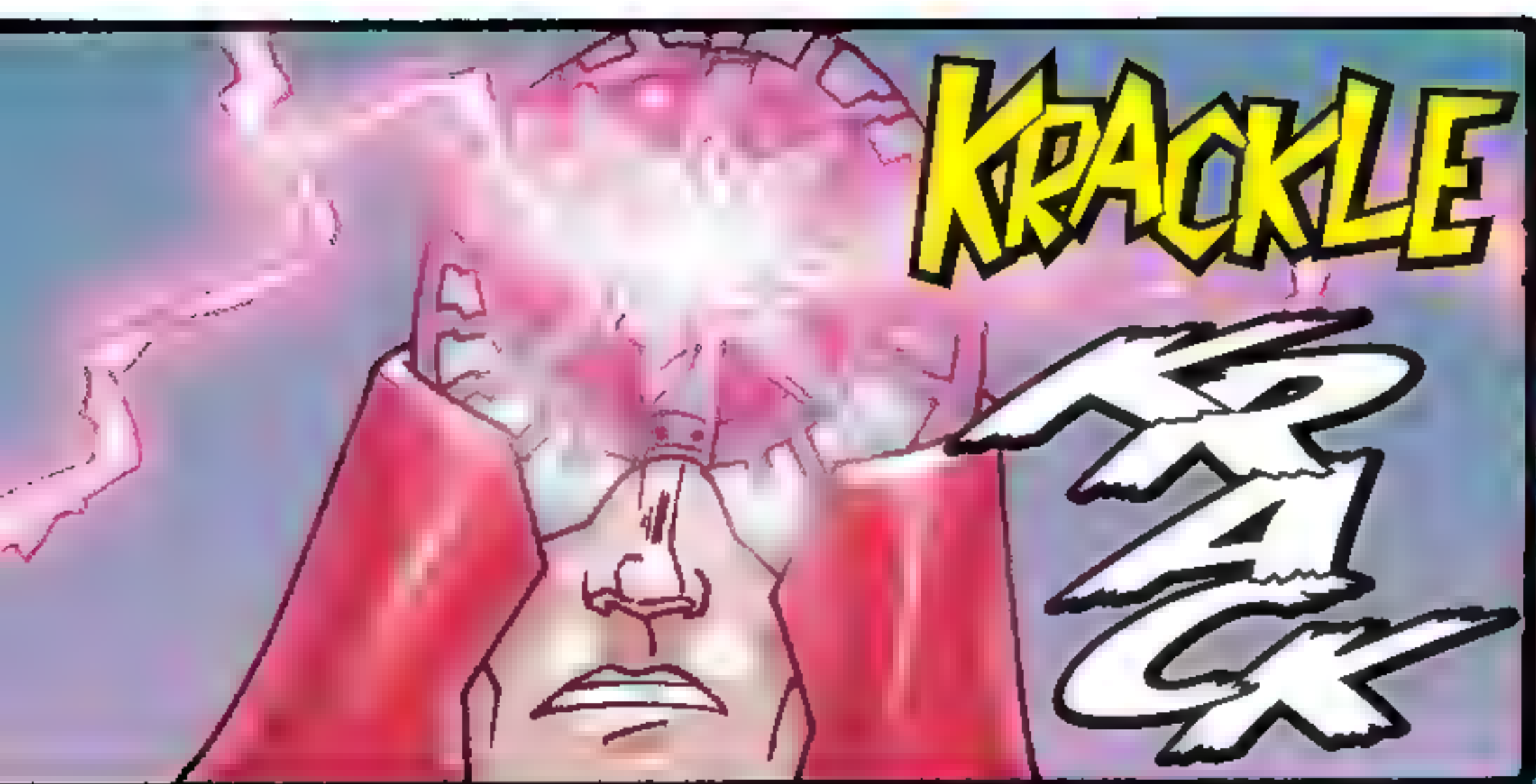
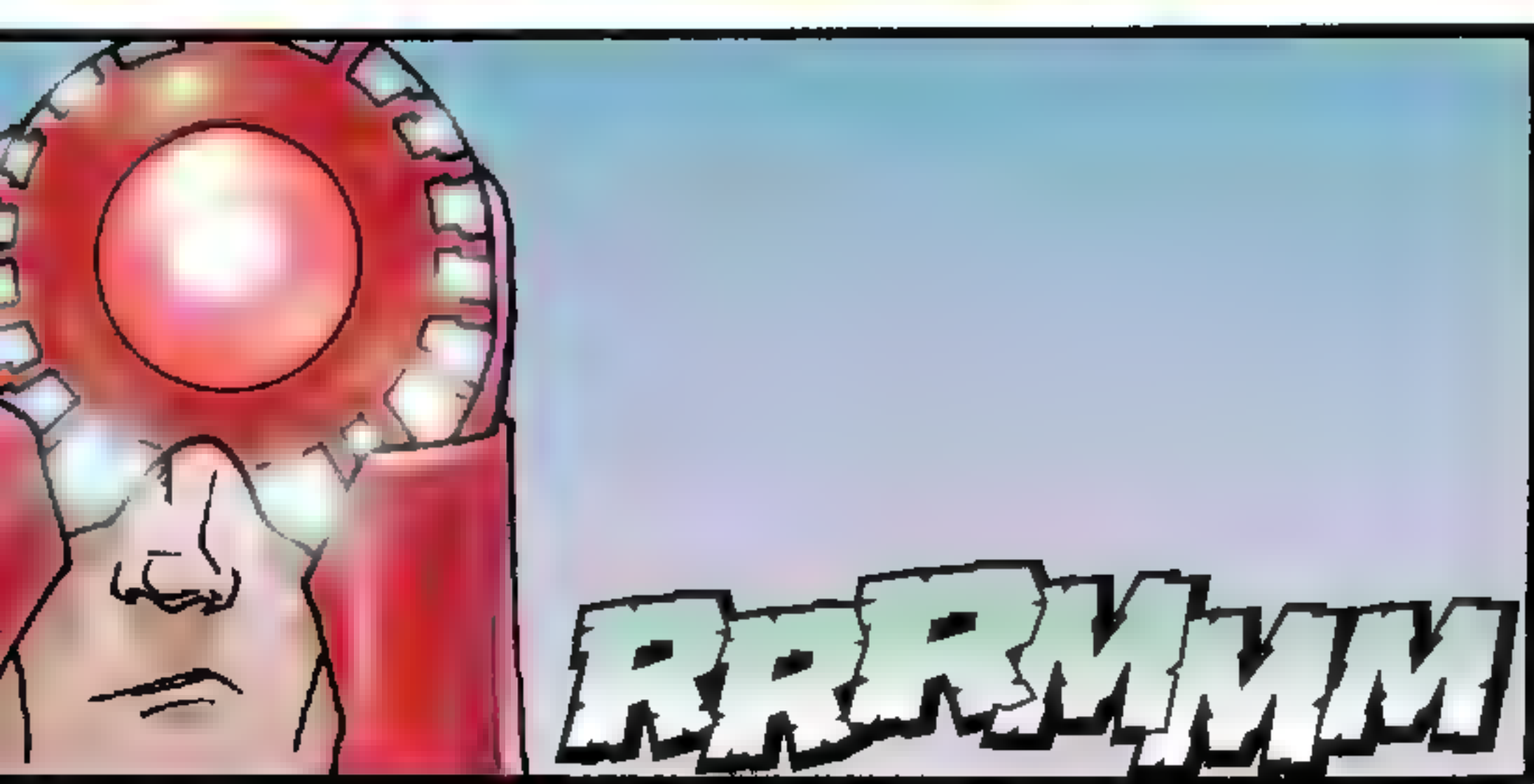
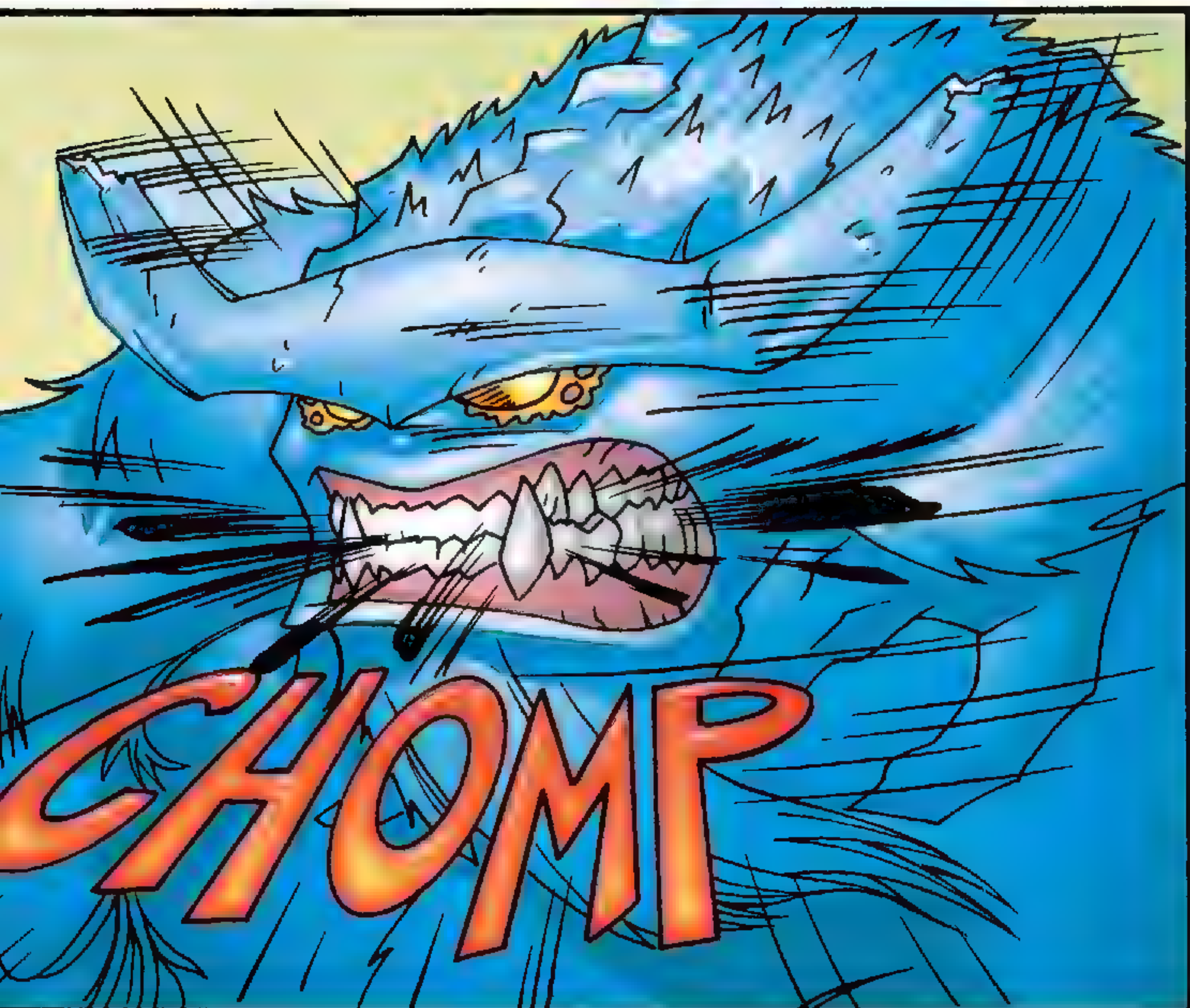
BRING IT ON, BLUE BOY! I ONLY GOT YOUR TAIL LAST TIME. I'LL MAKE SURE I GET YOUR HEAD NOW!

BAMF

SLICE

LET ME GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT!







SLOWIN' DOWN, OLD MAN?

HEALING FACTOR CAN'T KEEP UP?

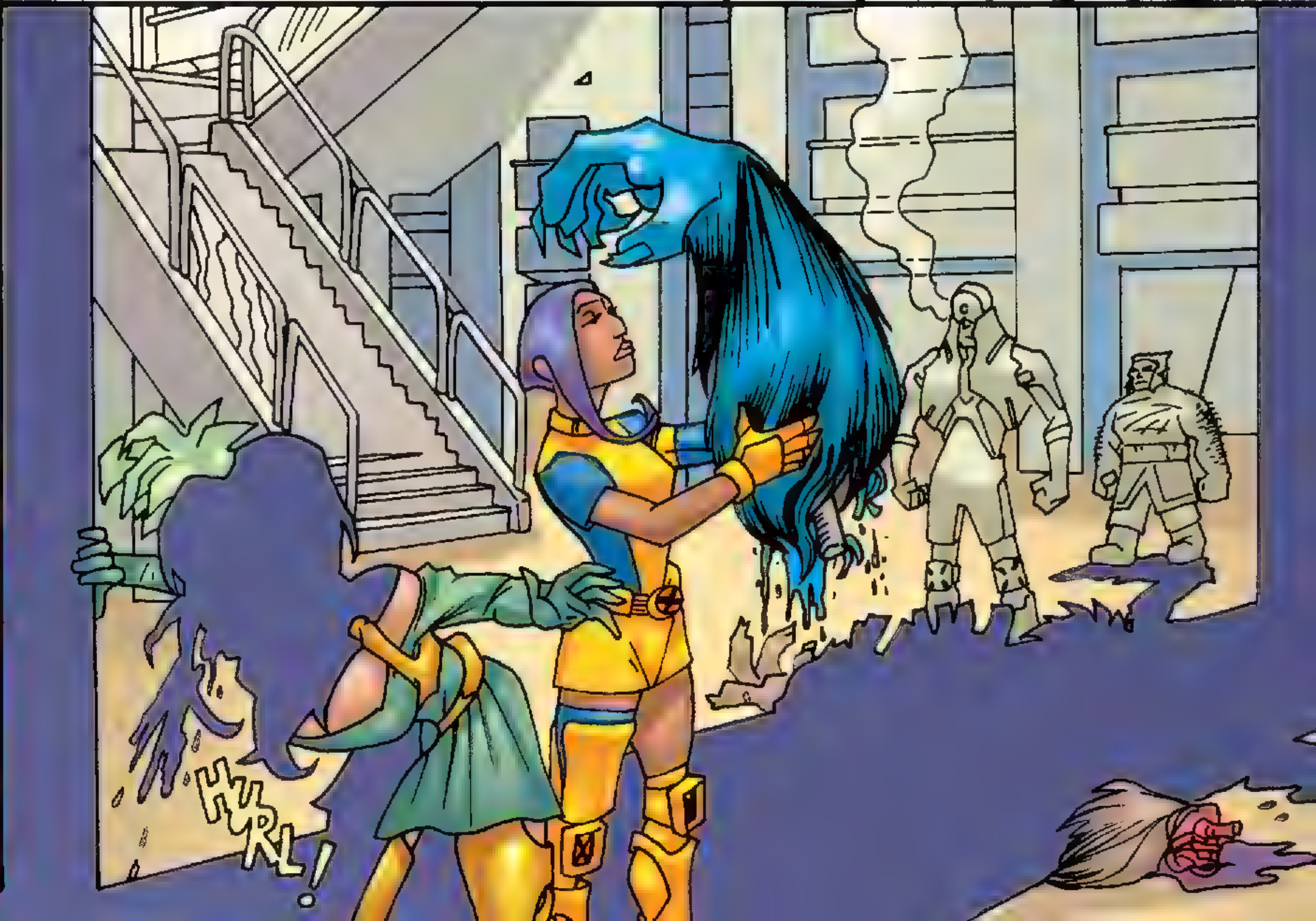


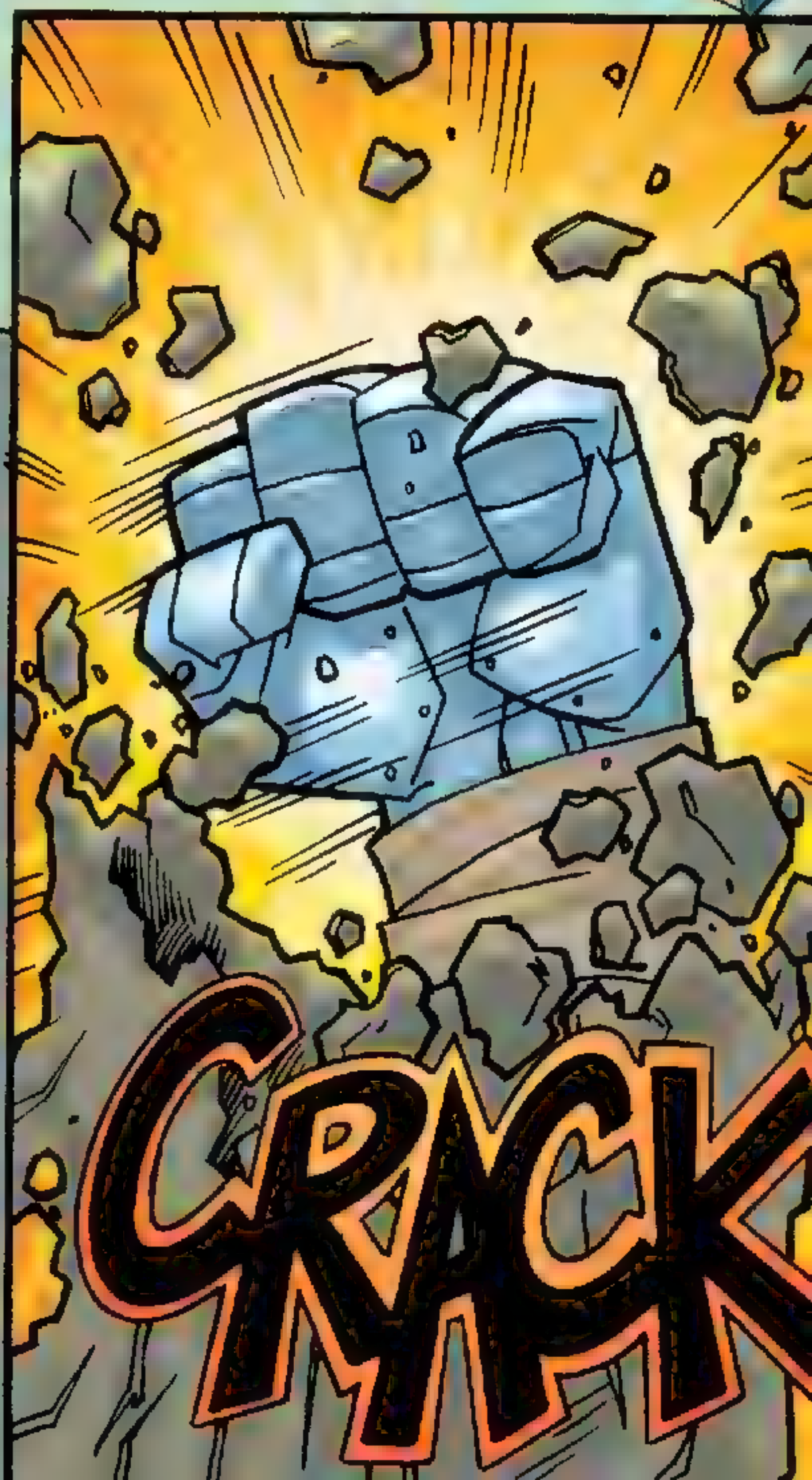
WELL, LET'S GET RIGHT TO THE POINT!

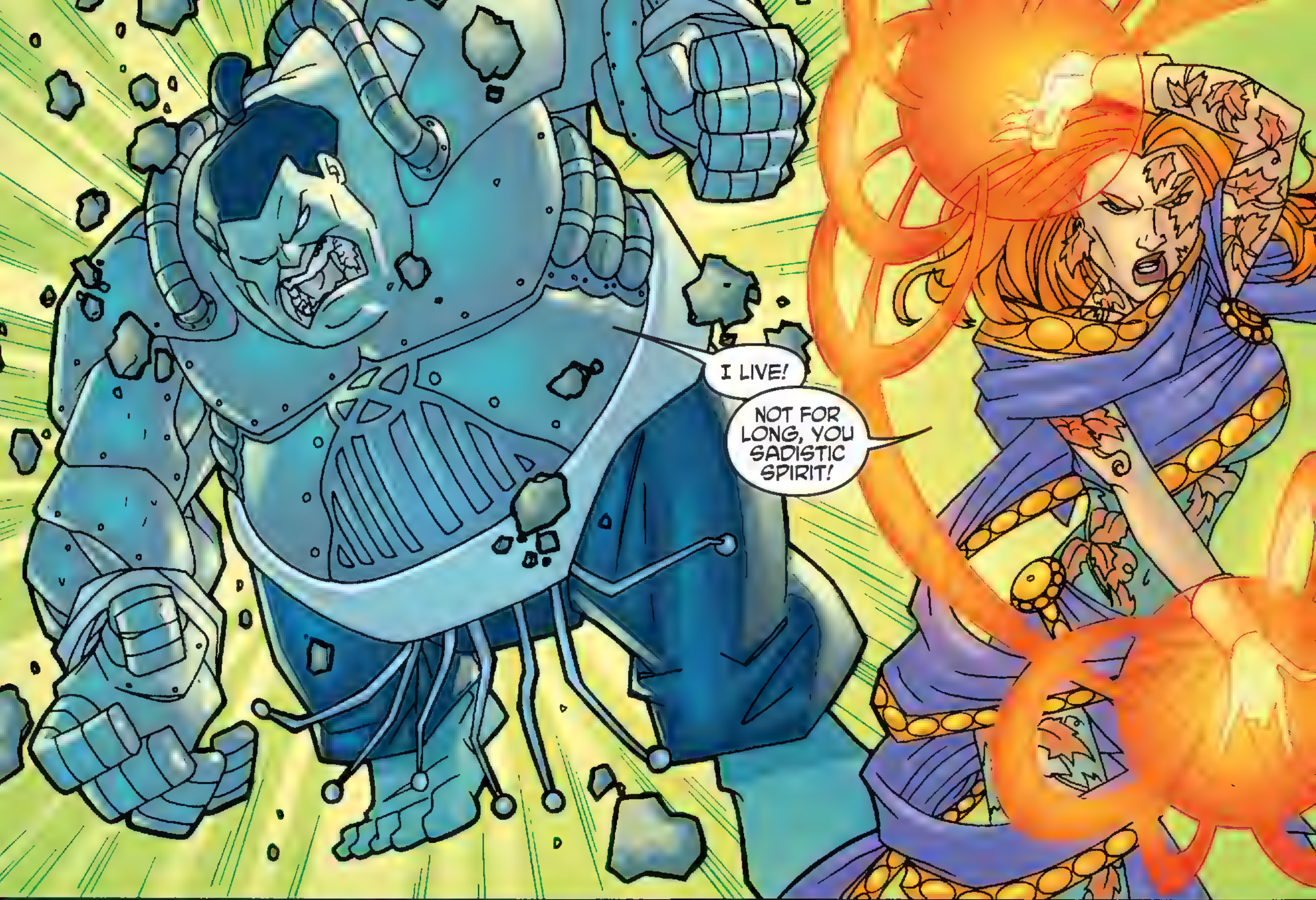


YEAH, WHY DON'T WE?!

SO WHAT'DA YA SAY, ELF? WHO'S FASTER NOW? THINK YOU CAN 'PORT OUT QUICKER THAN I CAN POP MY CLAW?

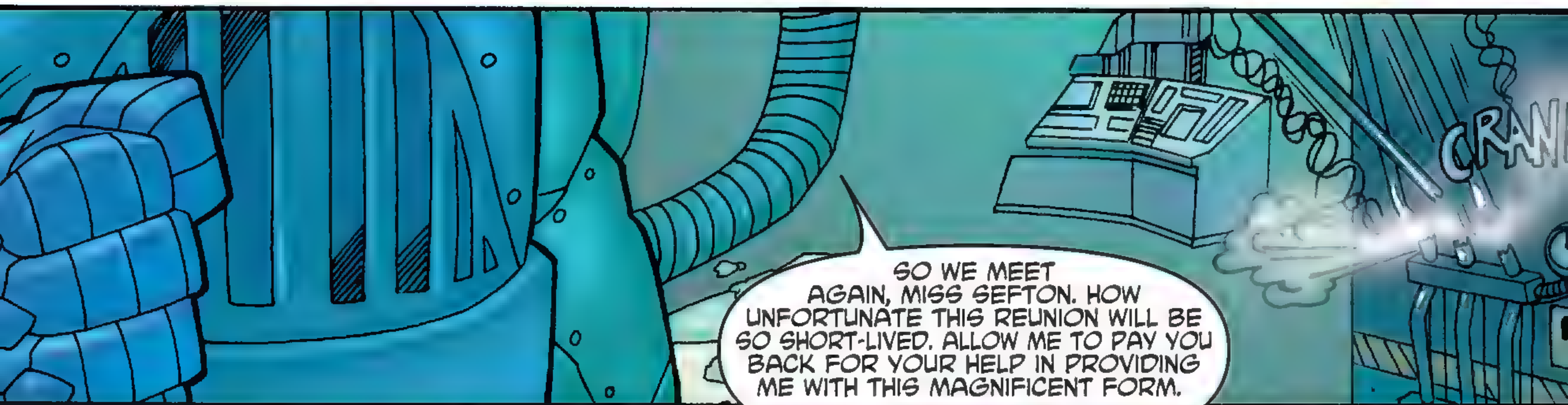






I LIVE!

NOT FOR LONG, YOU SADISTIC SPIRIT!



SO WE MEET AGAIN, MISS SEFTON. HOW UNFORTUNATE THIS REUNION WILL BE SO SHORT-LIVED. ALLOW ME TO PAY YOU BACK FOR YOUR HELP IN PROVIDING ME WITH THIS MAGNIFICENT FORM.



CHANG

SPLAT

NO!

THUD



SHE'S DEAD.

WITHOUT HER POWER TO SUSTAIN THE MAGIC, MY MUTANT POWER'S GONNA RETURN.

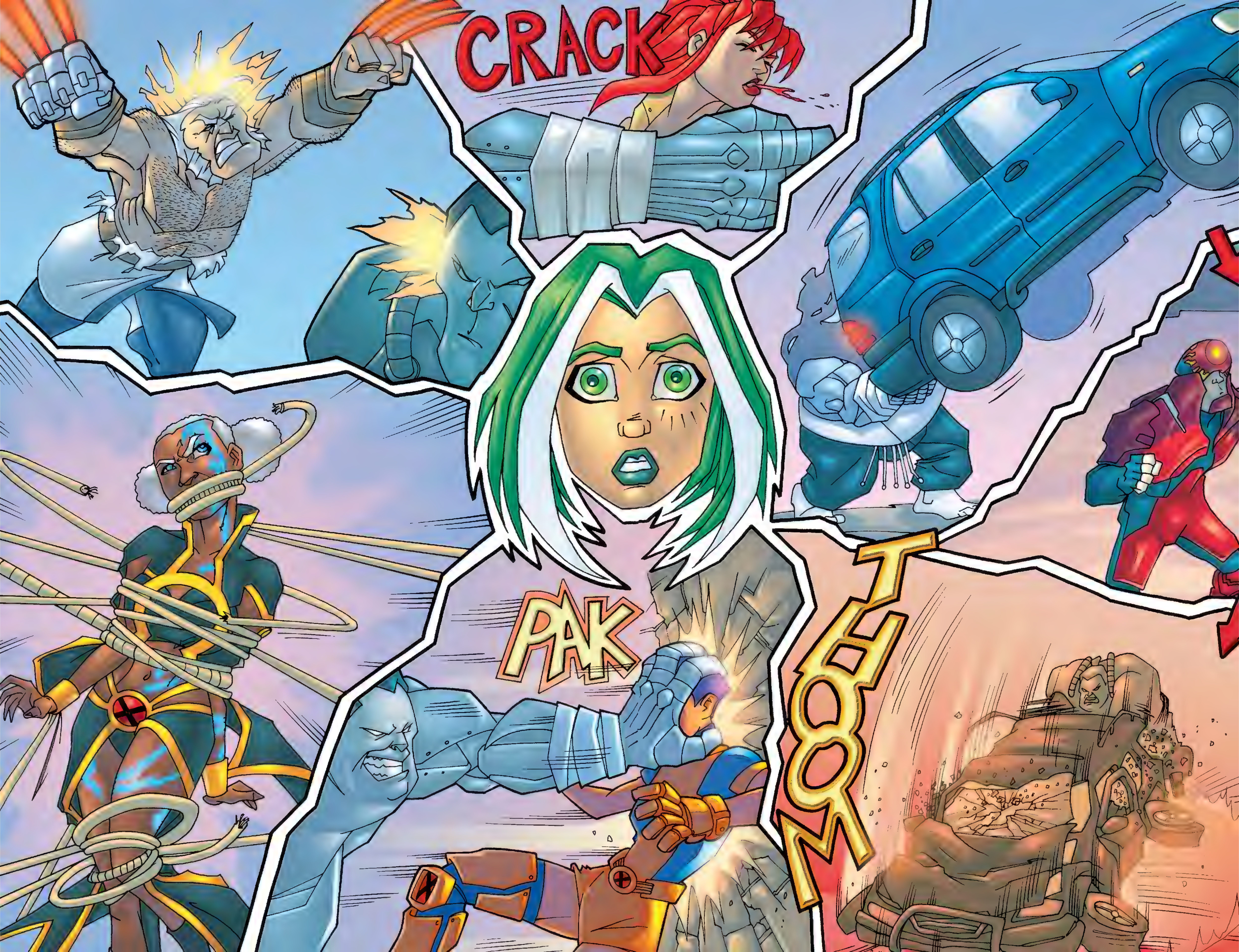


NOT TO WORRY, CHILD. YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TOUCH ME NOW THAT I CONTROL COLOSSUS' METALLIC BODY. HEH HEH.



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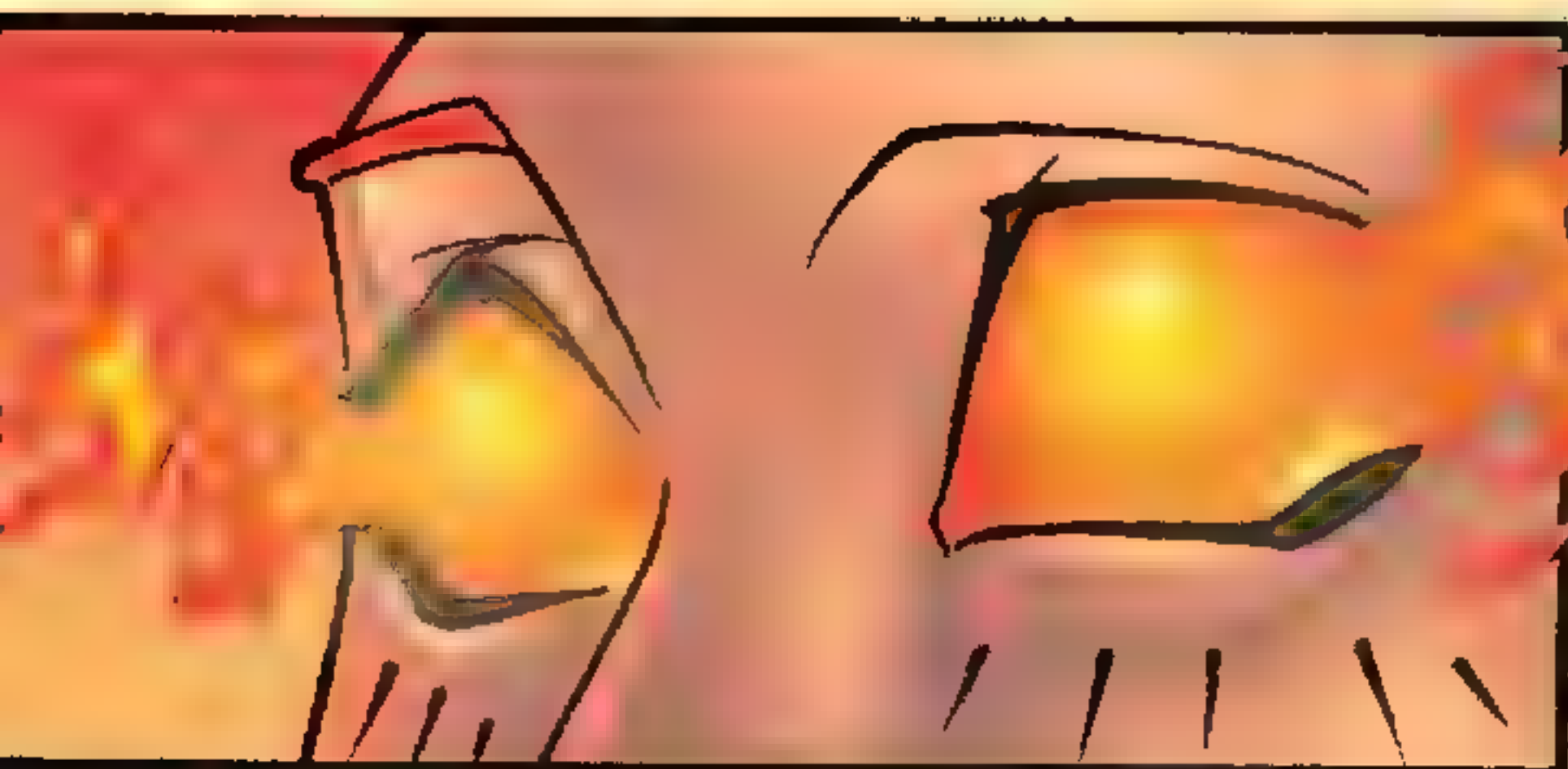
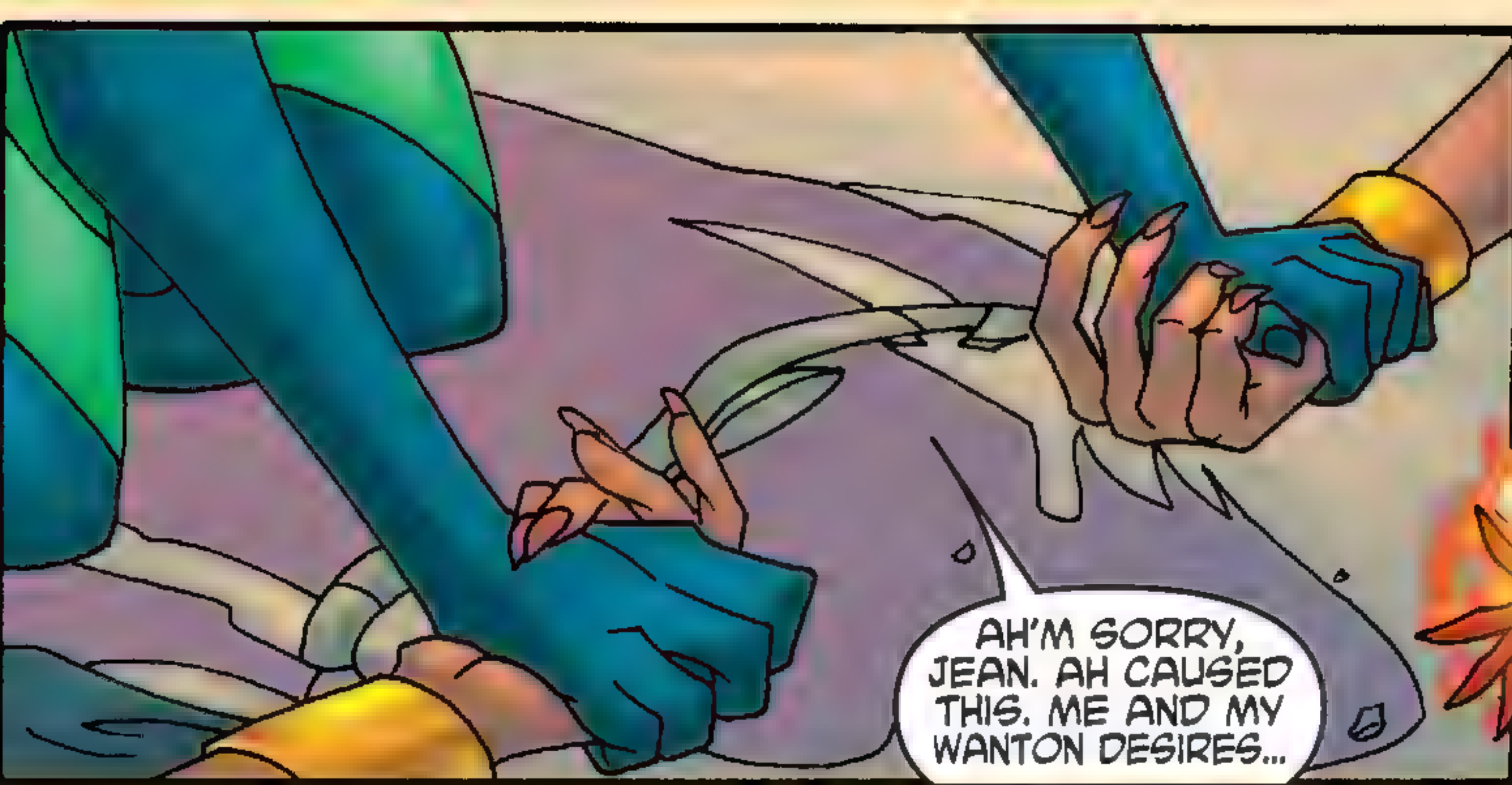




CRACK

PAK

BOOM





CRASH

SSSSHHH

SHOOOM

KRASH

★ ★ ★ ★ ★



JEAN?!

KRUNK



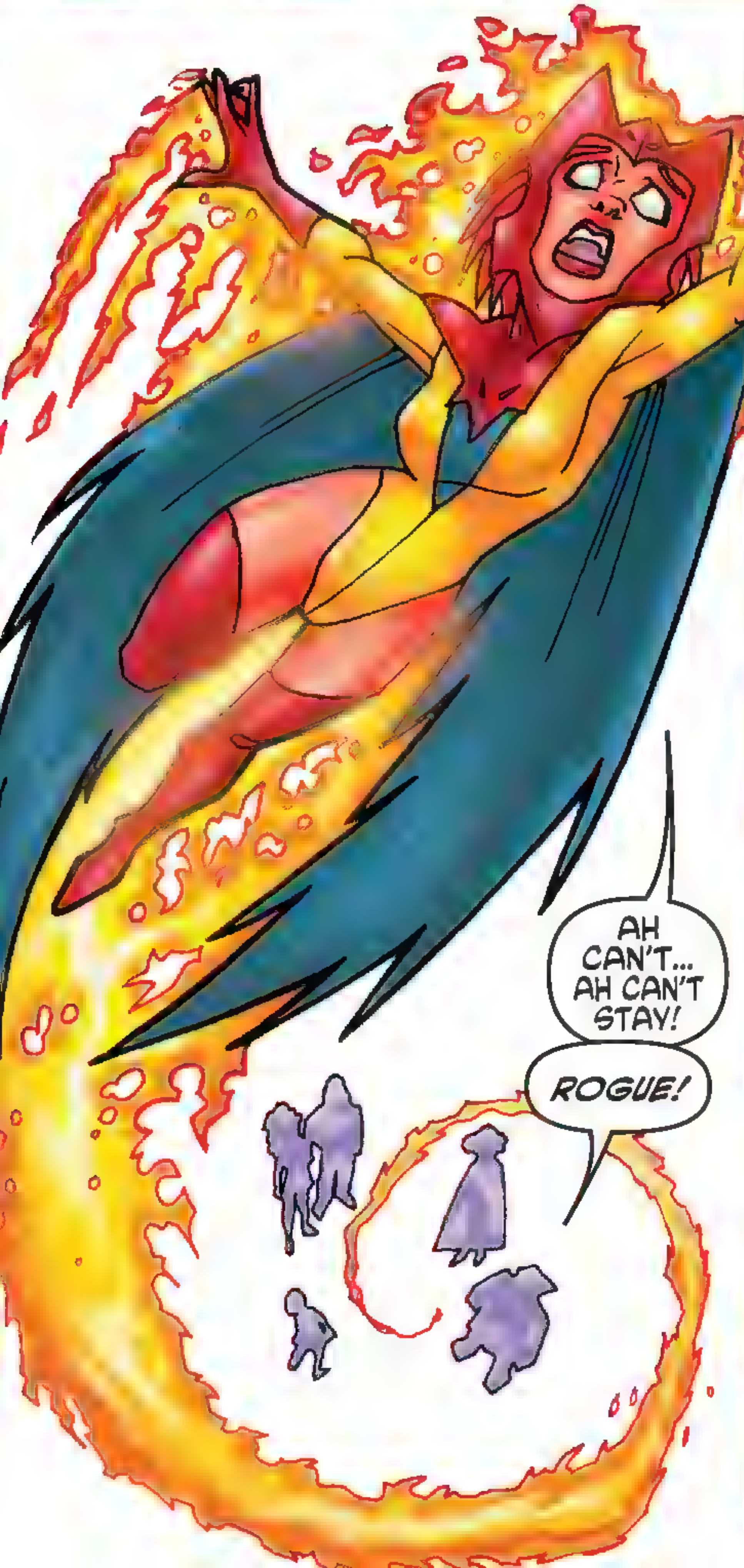
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?!

AH'M SO SORRY...
I HAD NO CHOICE. AH
HAD TO **ABSORB** HER
POWERS OR MAGNUS...
HE WOULD'VE...



OH, GOD!
HER POWER...
IT'S *MIXED*
WITH MAGIC!
SO DIFFERENT
NOW...

IT'S
CHANGED
ME. AH FEEL
SO EMPTY. SO
COLD.



AH
CAN'T...
AH CAN'T
STAY!

ROGUE!



MAGNUS
HAS BEEN
VANQUISHED.

SO
WE WON,
RIGHT?

IF WE
WON, HOW
COME I FEEL
SUCH A **CHILL**
IN MY
BONES?

THE END...
FOR NOW!

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"ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
THE HULK HAS ENTERED THE
CITY OF NEW YORK!"

"ALL CIVIL DEFENSE UNITS ARE TO
HELP IN THE CITY'S EVACUATION!"

"MILITARY UNITS ARE TO HOLD
THEIR POSITIONS! DO NOT FIRE!
I REPEAT: DO NOT FIRE UNTIL
ORDERED TO DO SO BY OPERATIONS
COMMANDER COLONEL NICK FURY!"

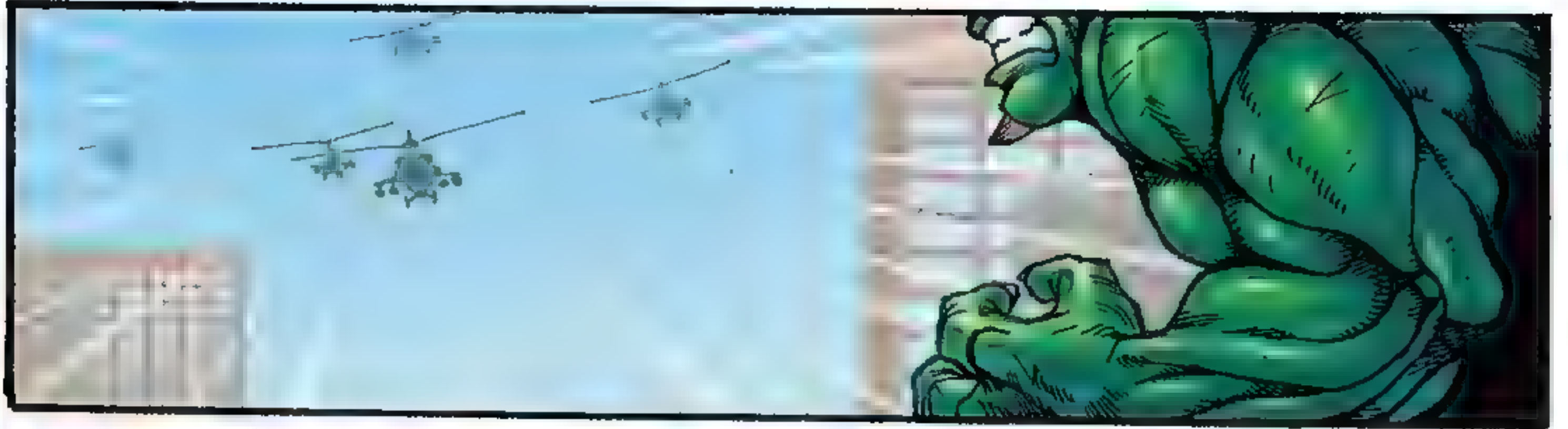
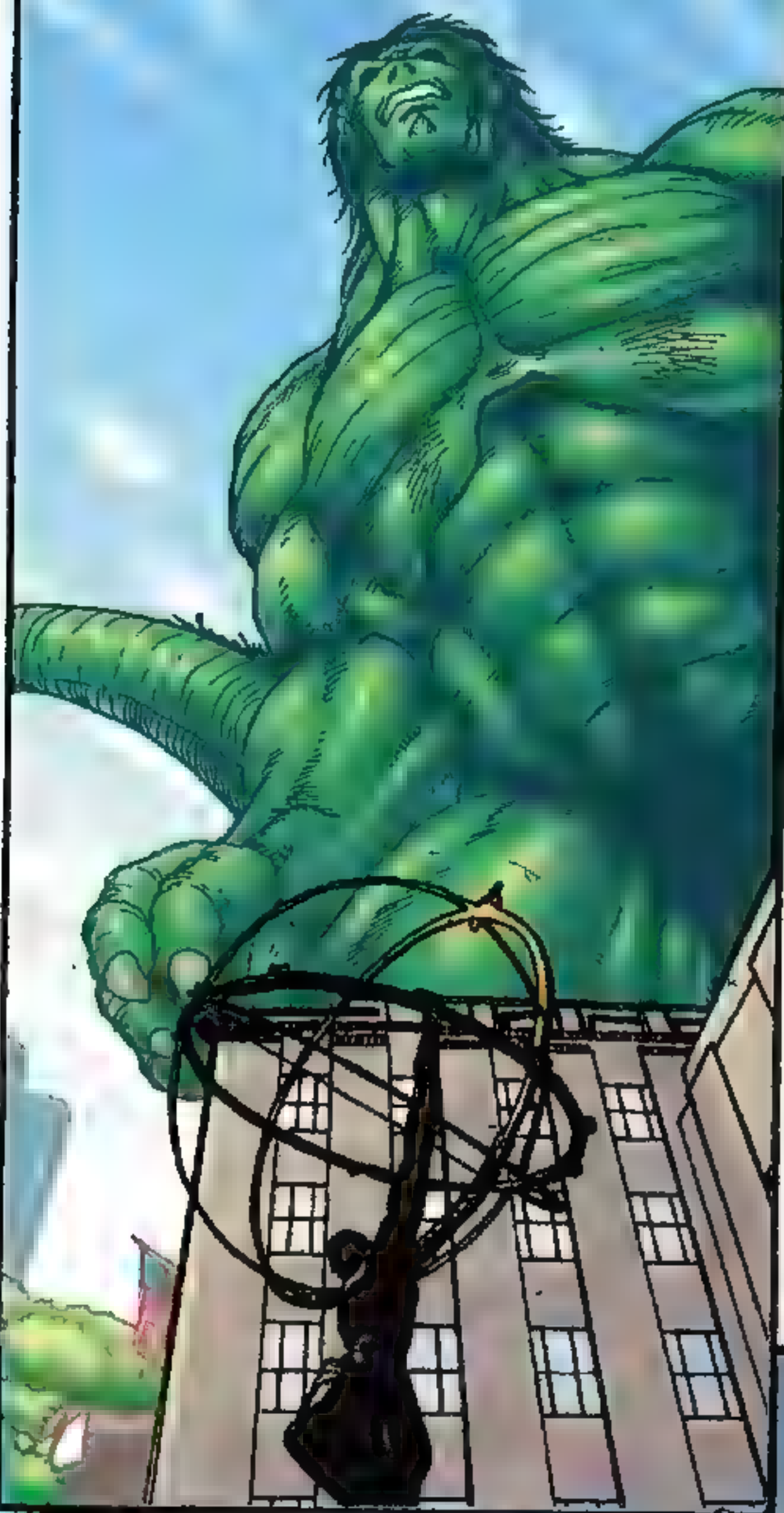


"CURRENTLY, THE MOST
IMPORTANT PRIORITY IS
TO PREVENT CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES! CLEAR ALL
AREAS THE HULK IS
EXPECTED TO ENTER!"

"DO NOT IMPEDE
THE HULK'S PROGRESS
UNTIL IT CAN BE
DETERMINED THAT
IT CAN BE DESTROYED
WITH MINIMAL LOSS
OF PROPERTY!"



AREA IS CLEAR!
I REPEAT... AREA
IS CLEAR!

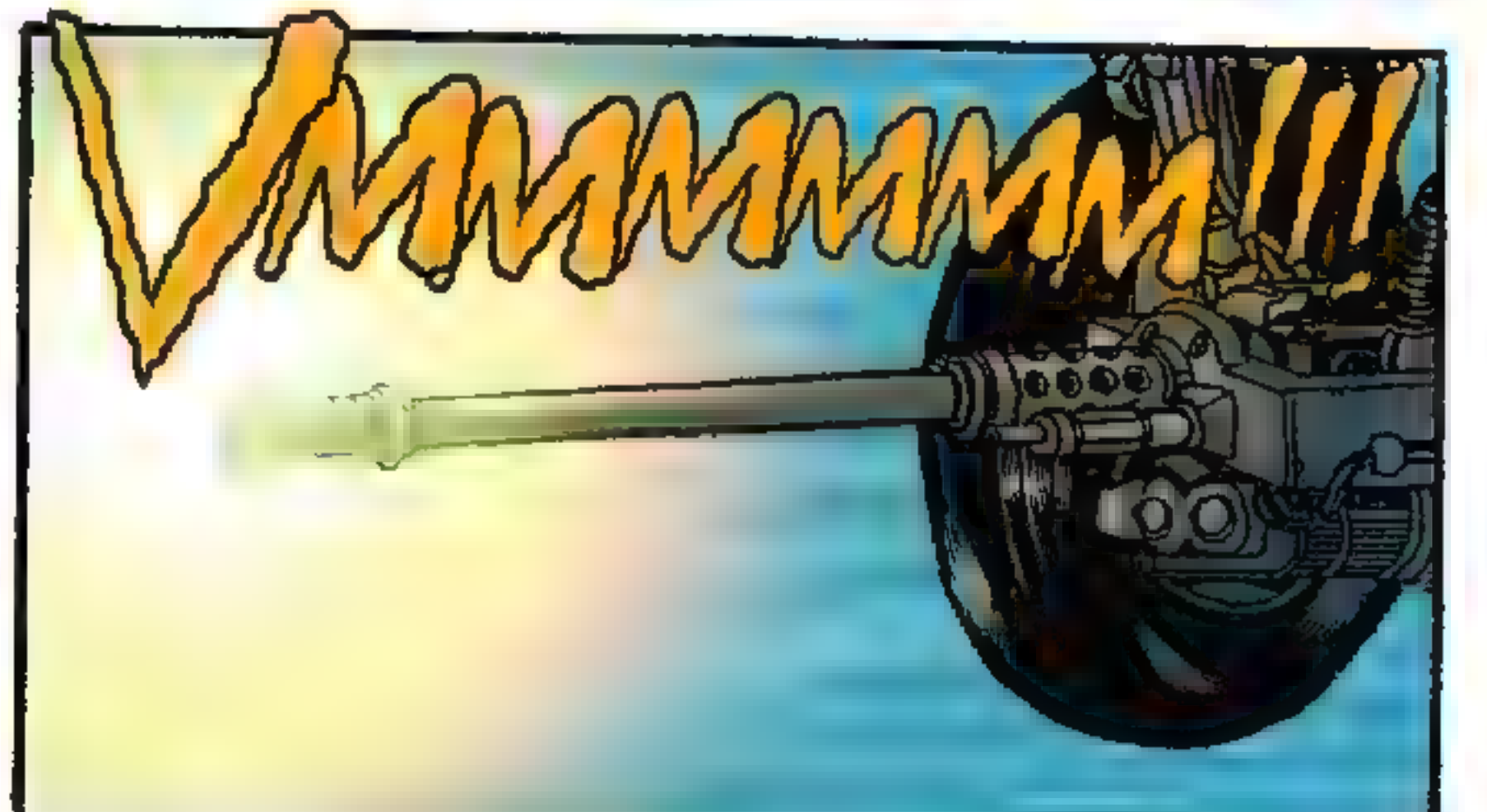
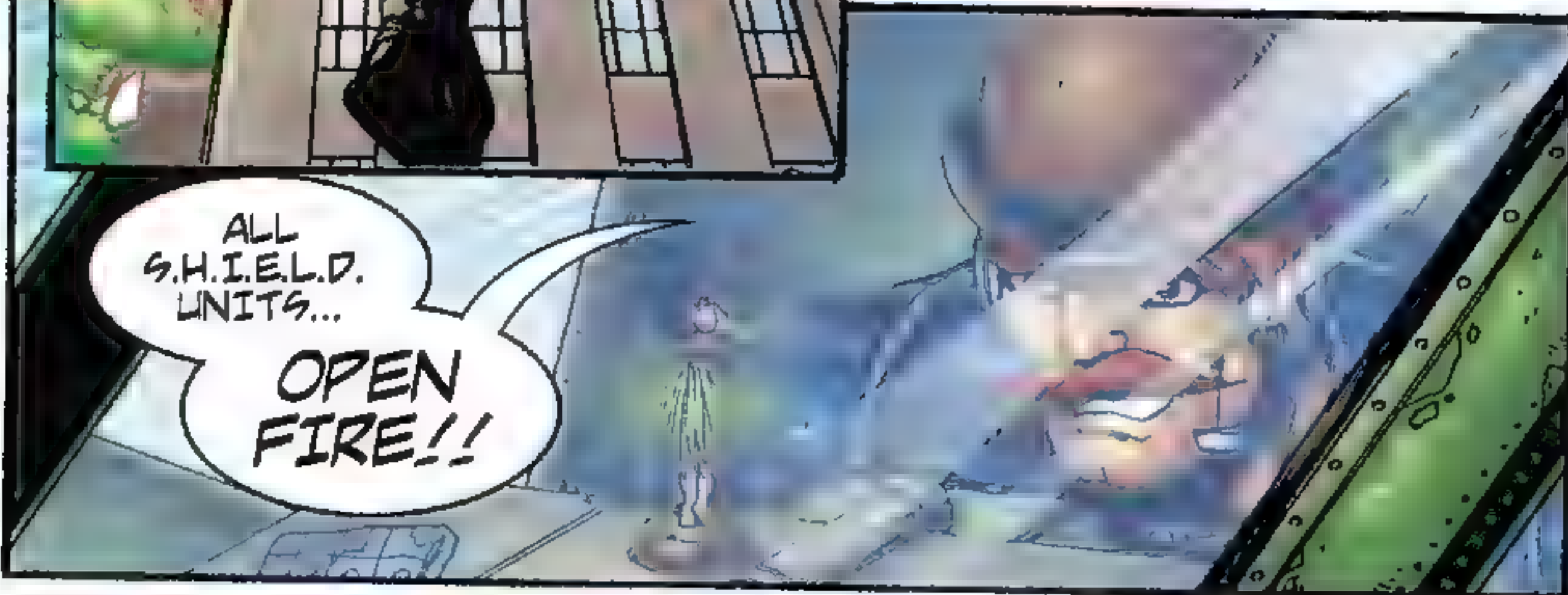


AWRIGHT, YA'
LAMBLASTED YAHOOOS!
THE AREA IS CLEAR OF
CIVIES SO WE GOT THE
THUMBS UP TO POP THIS
PIMPLE!

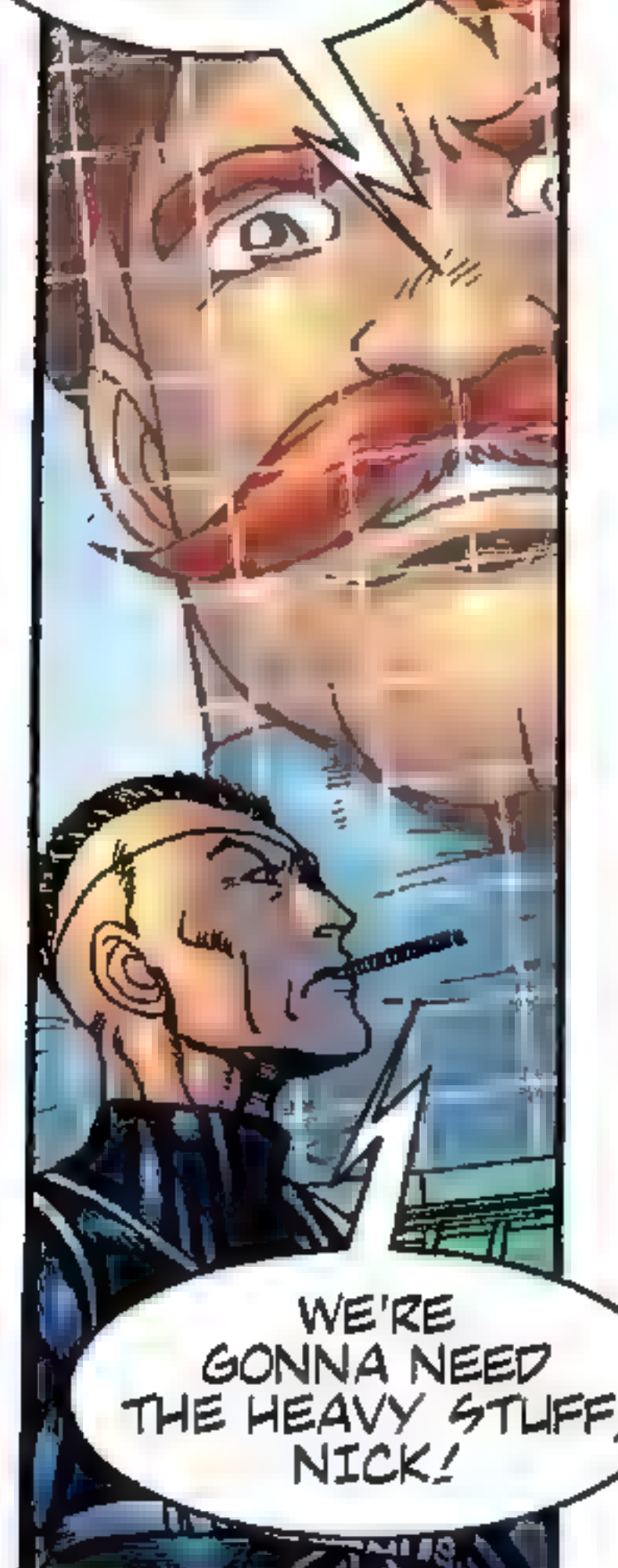


ALL
S.H.I.E.L.D.
UNITS...

OPEN
FIRE!!



HOLY
CRAP-OLA!
THAT THING JUST
TOOK 20MM SHELLS
STRAIGHT TO THE
CHEST AND HE
DIDN'T EVEN
BLINK!!



WE'RE
GONNA NEED
THE HEAVY STUFF,
NICK!



THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' MORE YOU CAN DO, DUM-DUM! RETURN TO THE HELI-CARRIER!

THAT BIG LUG AIN'T GOIN' ANYWHERE!

TILL THEN WE GOTTA MAKE SURE HE DON'T CAUSE ANYMORE DAMAGE!

I CAN'T FIGURE THIS ONE OUT, NICK! EVEN AFTER OUR ATTACK, THE BIG GALOOT IS JUST STANDIN' THERE!

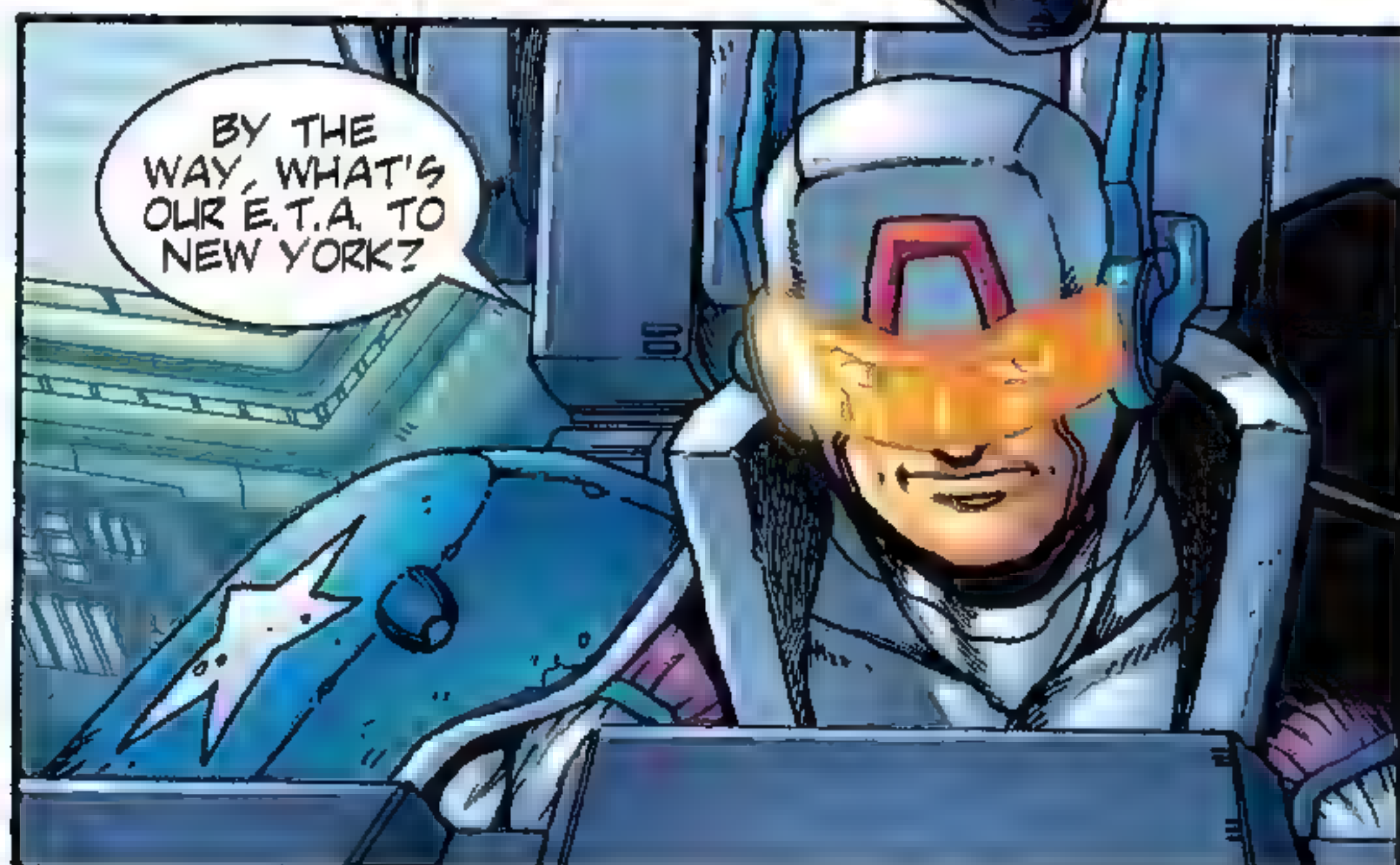
LIKE HE'S WAITIN' FOR SOMETHIN'...

WELL, LET'EM WAIT! LONG AS HE DON'T MOVE, THAT MAKES HIM A SITTIN' DUCK!

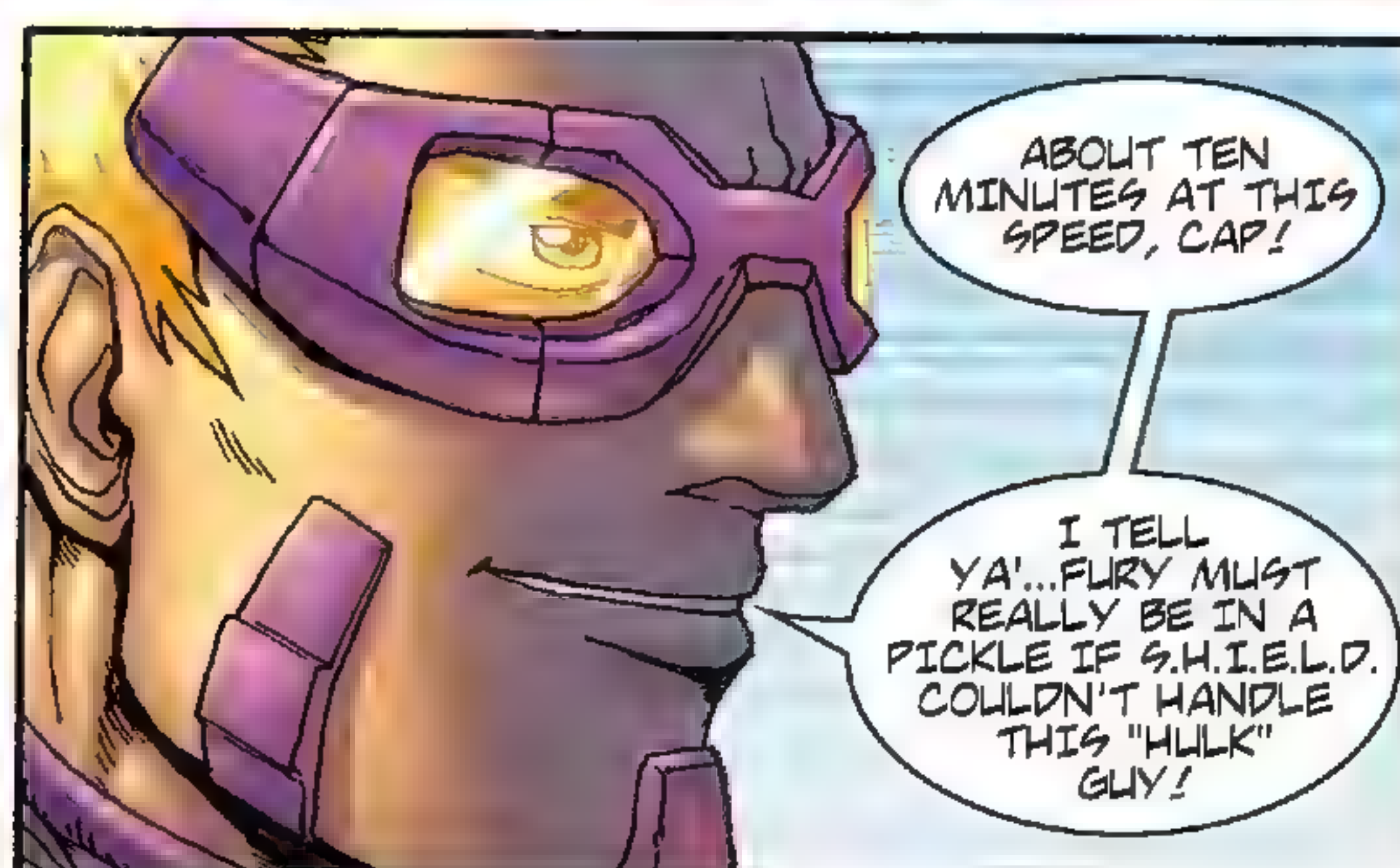
I WAS HOPIN' TO GET HIM OUT OF THE CITY THOUGH...

"BUT I'M GONNA HAVE TO LEAVE THAT TO THE AVENGERS!"

THAT LITTLE WORKOUT WITH APOCALYPSE CERTAINLY PROVED THE WORTHINESS OF THE IRON AVENGER, EH, HAWKEYE?

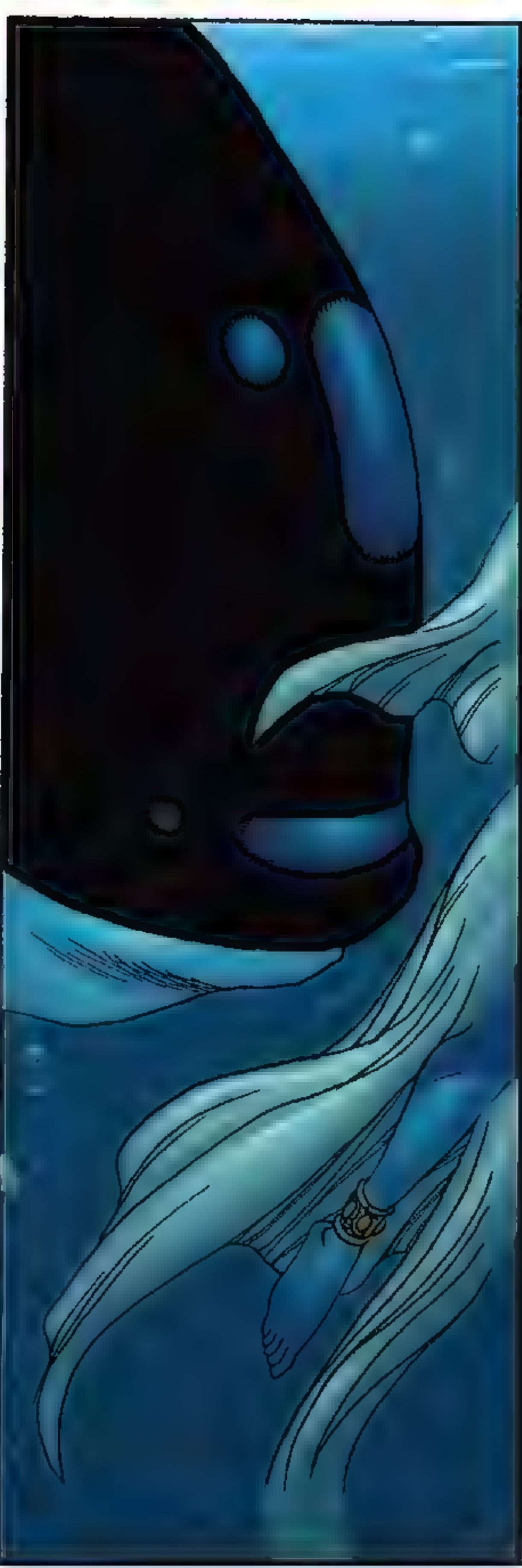
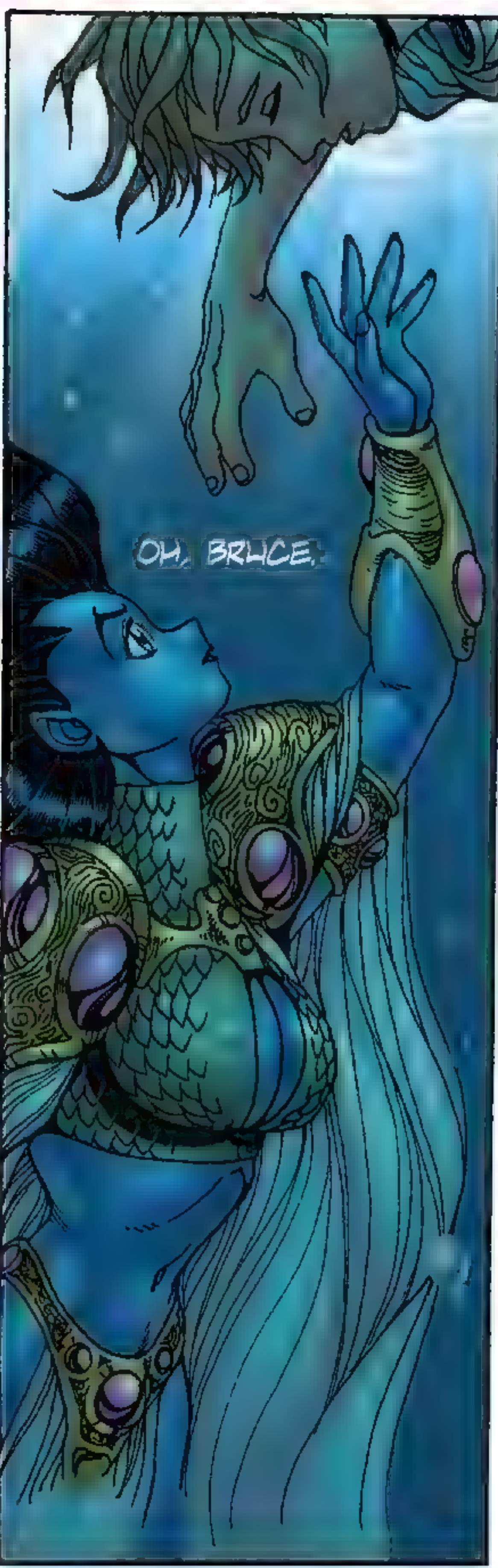
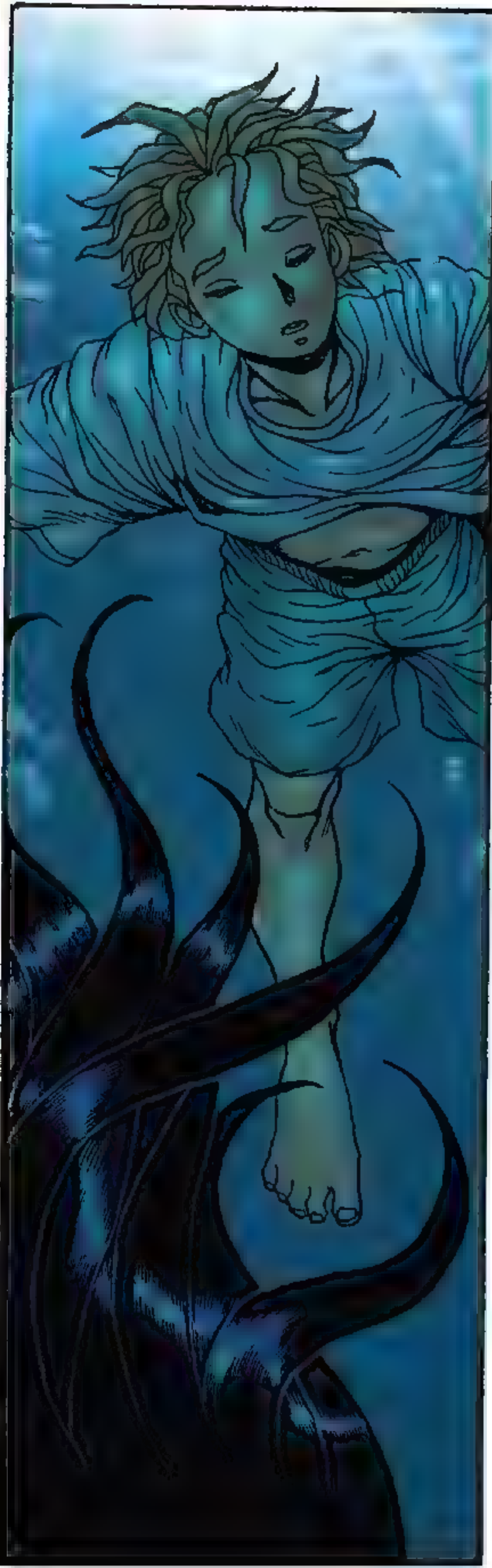
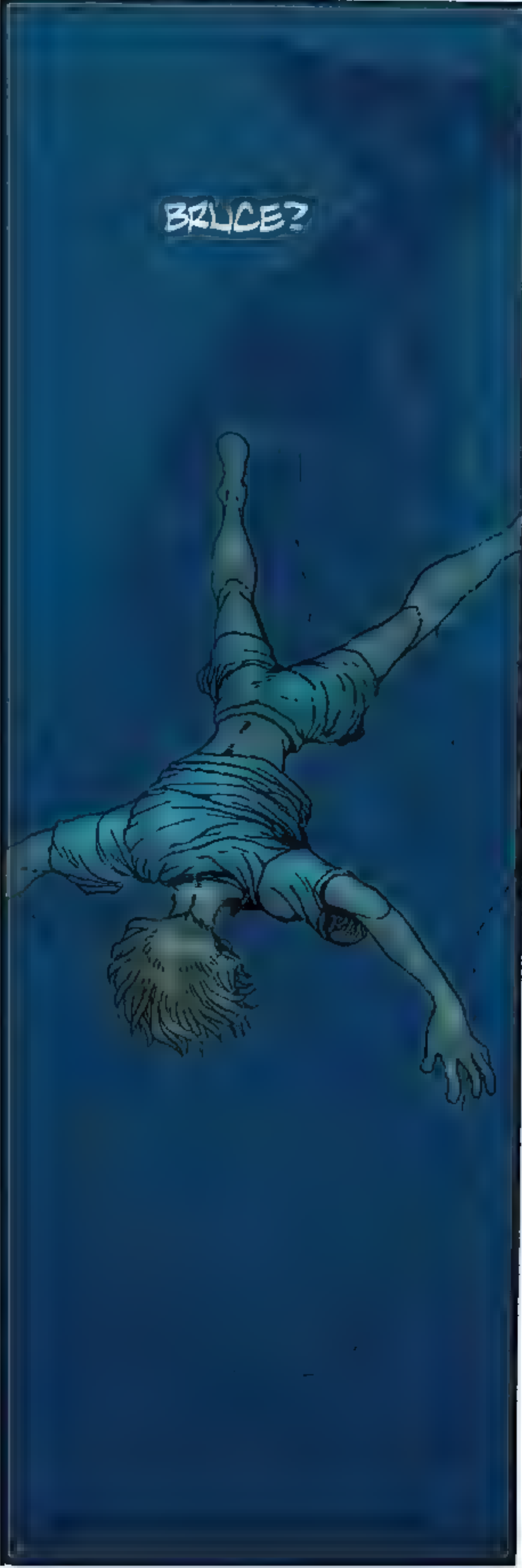
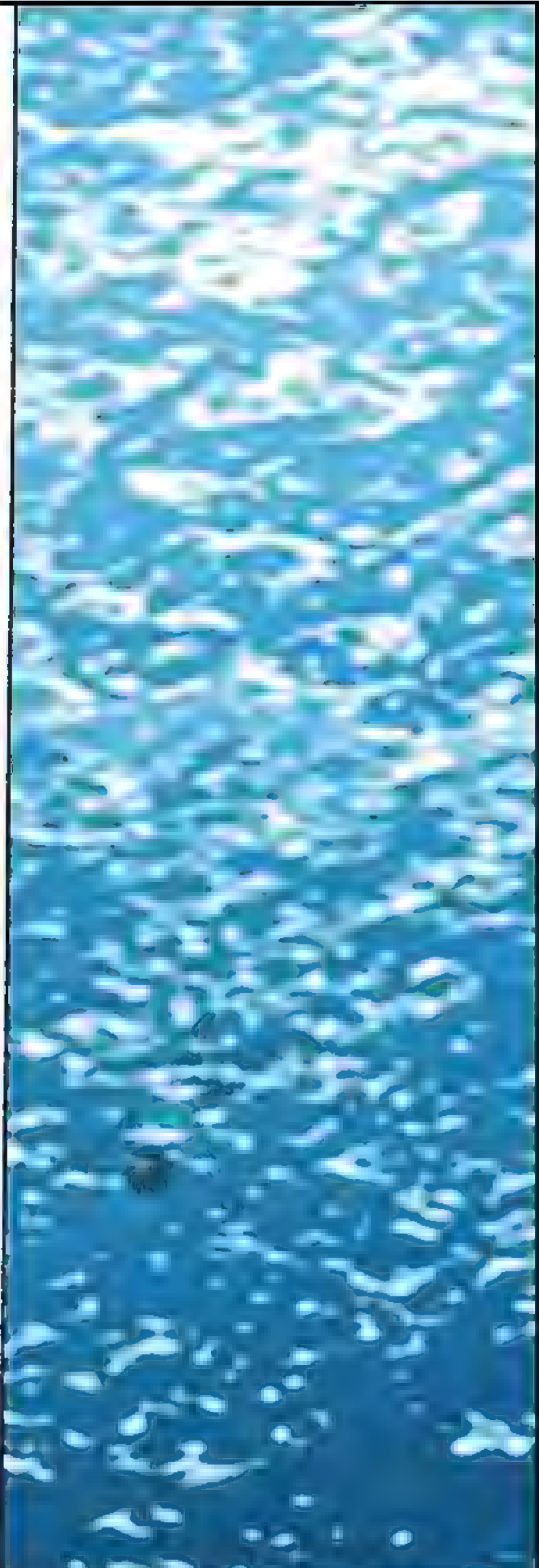
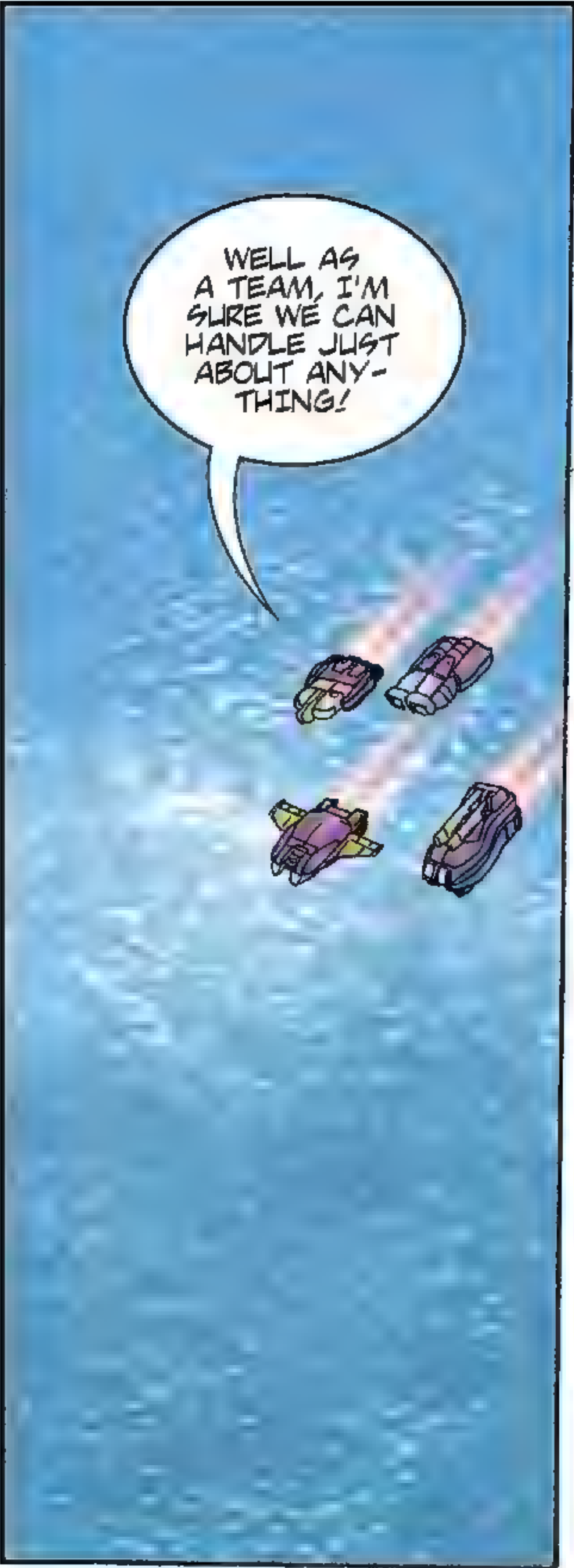


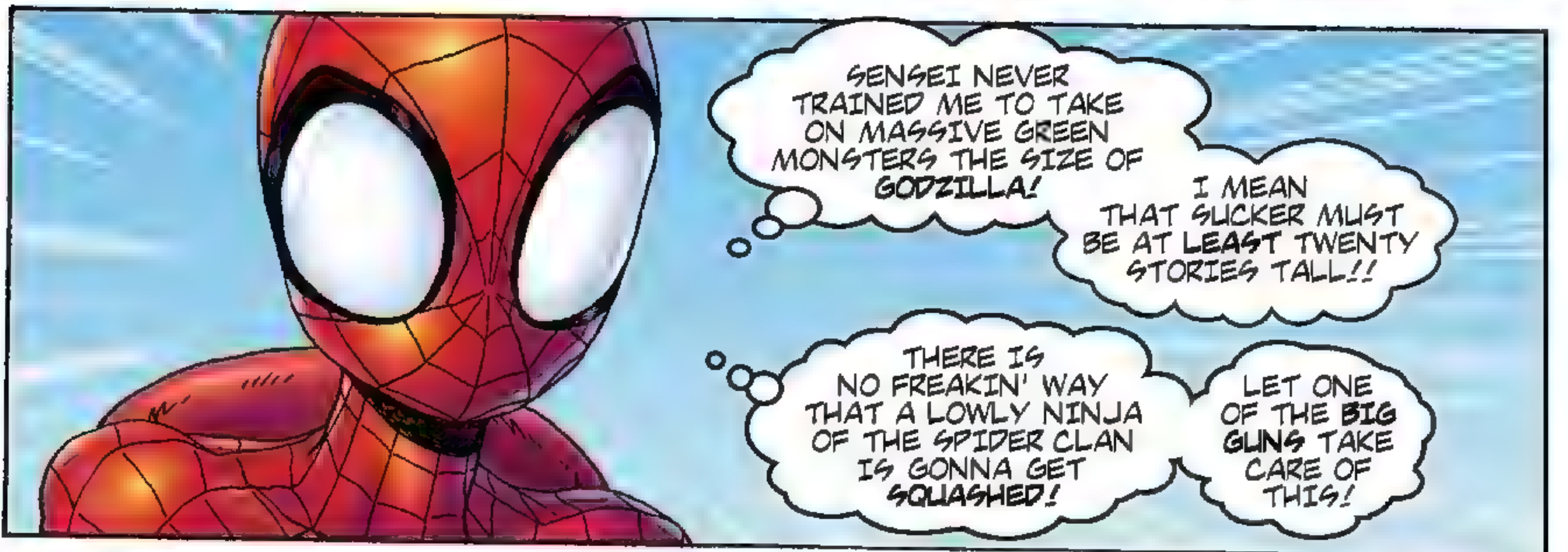
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S OUR E.T.A. TO NEW YORK?

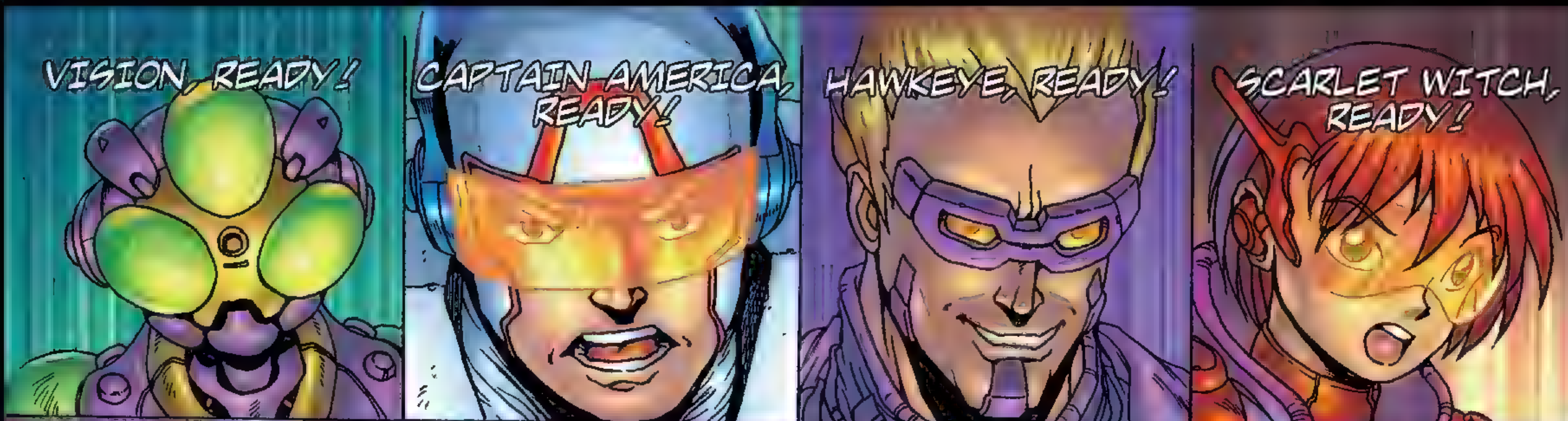


ABOUT TEN MINUTES AT THIS SPEED, CAP!

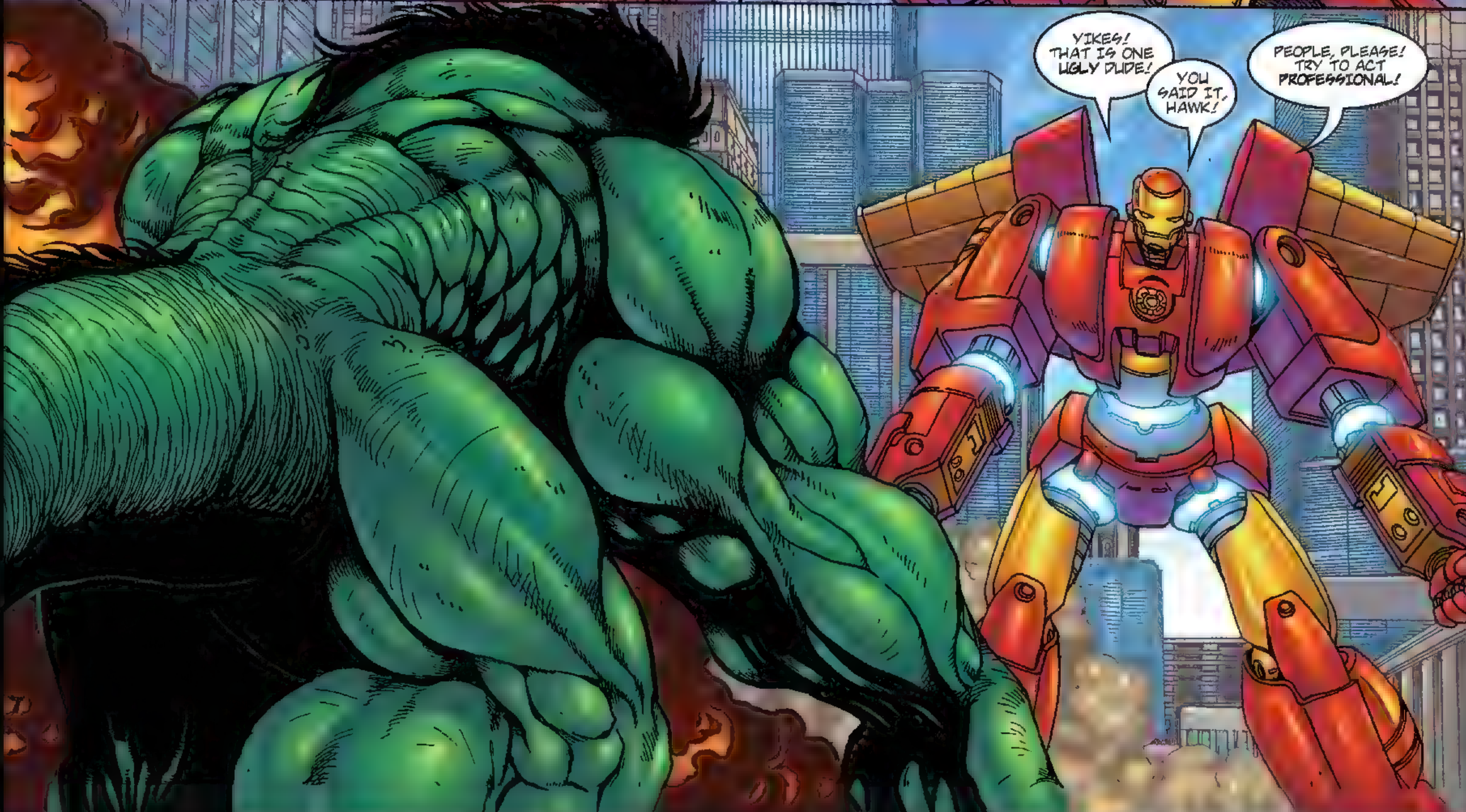
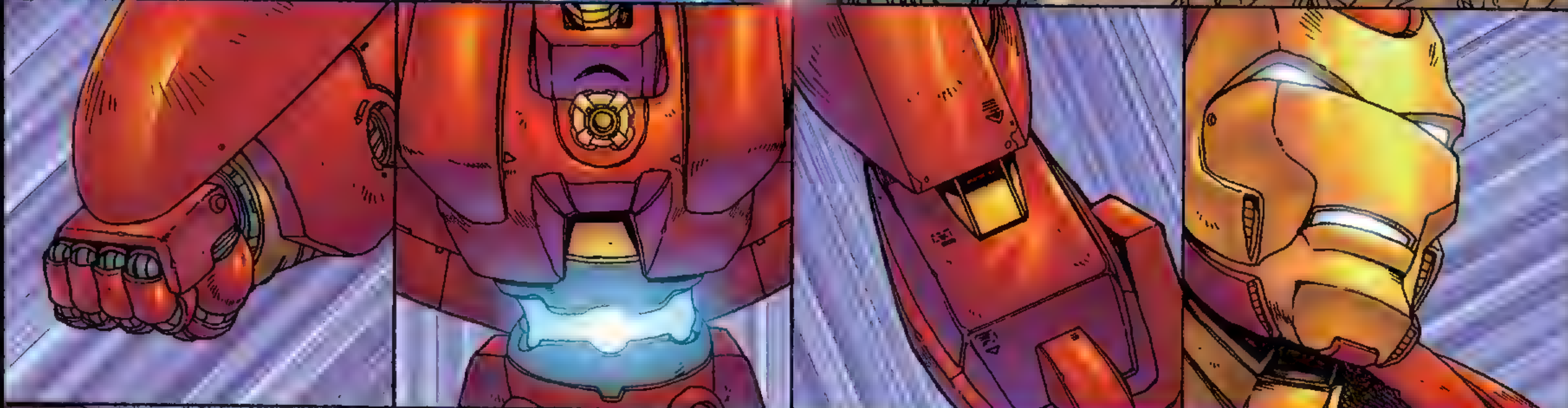
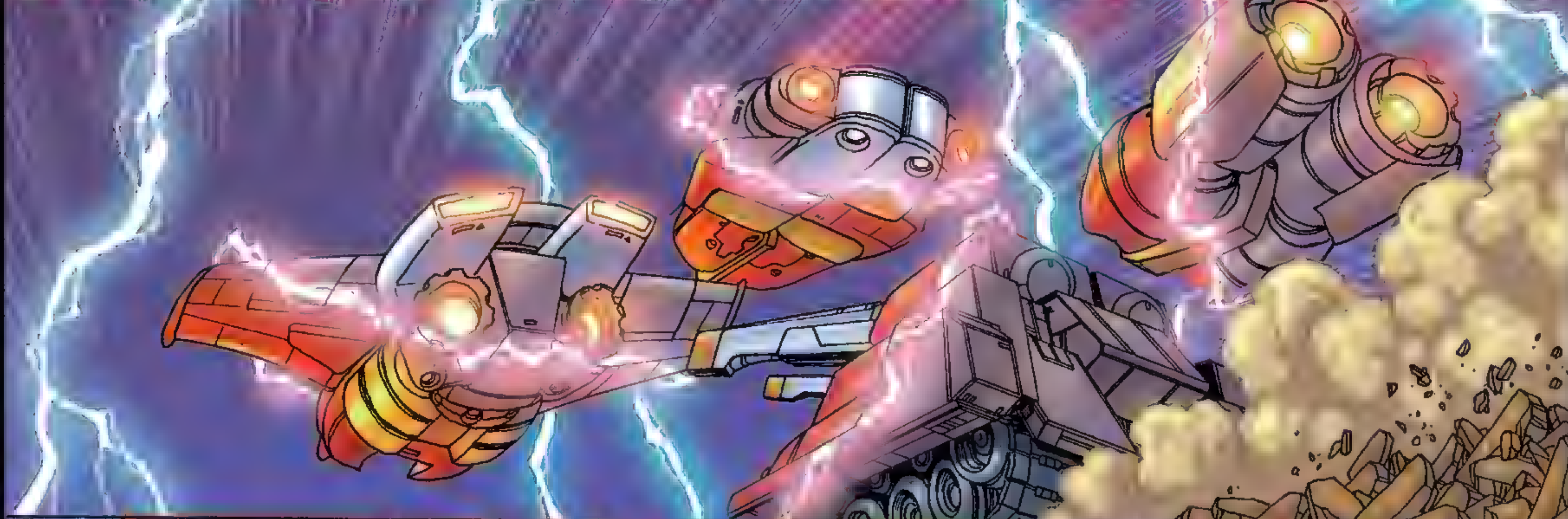
I TELL YA'...FLRY MUST REALLY BE IN A PICKLE IF S.H.I.E.L.D. COULDN'T HANDLE THIS "HULK" GUY!

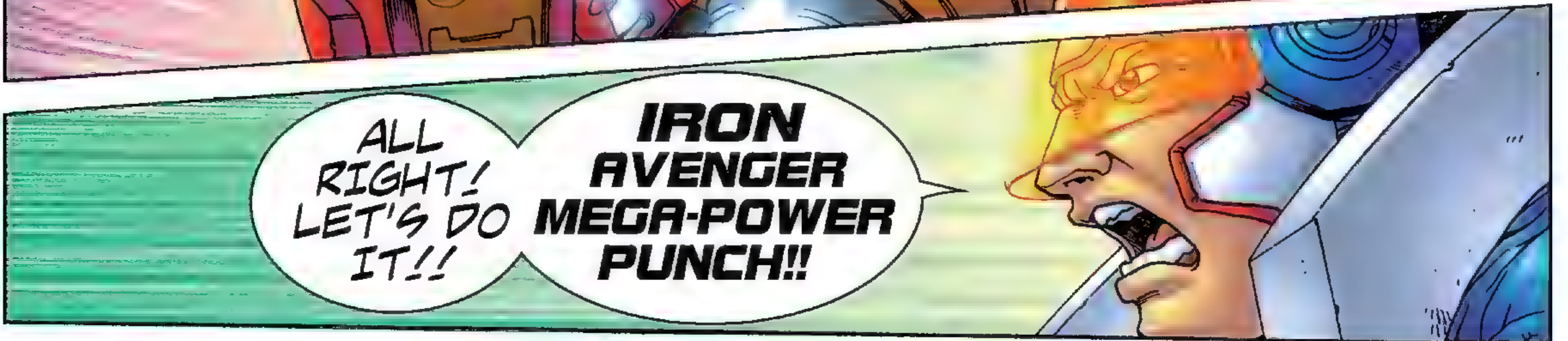
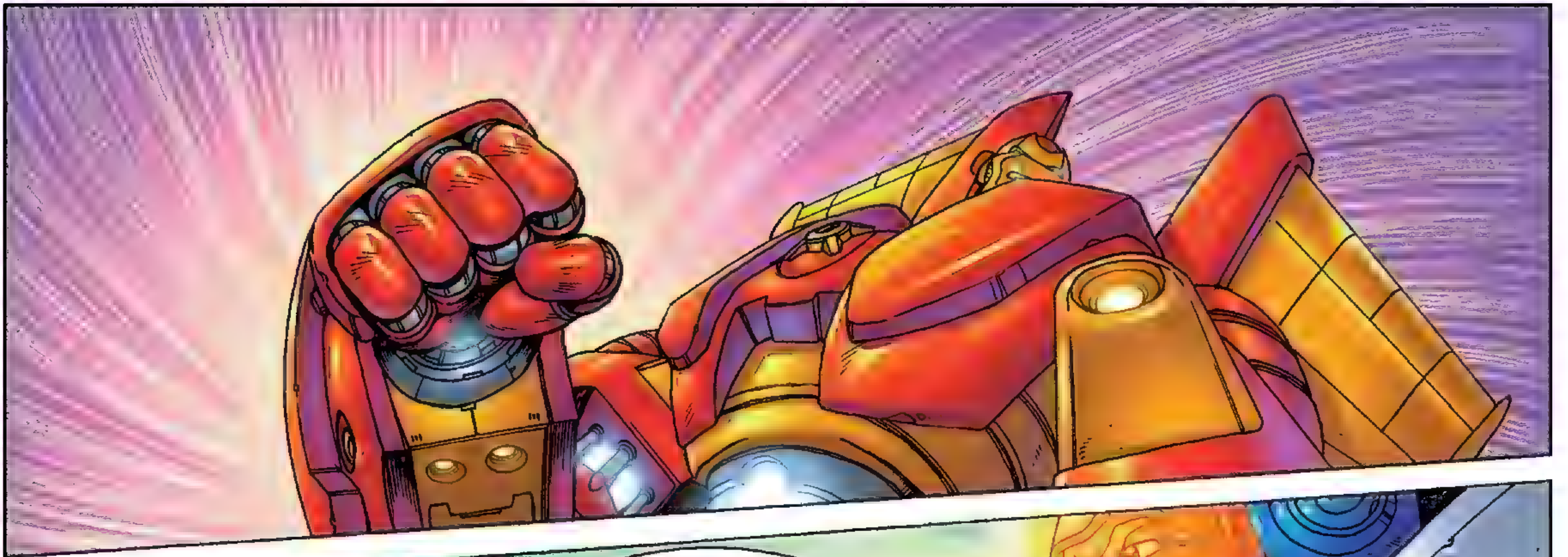






AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!!



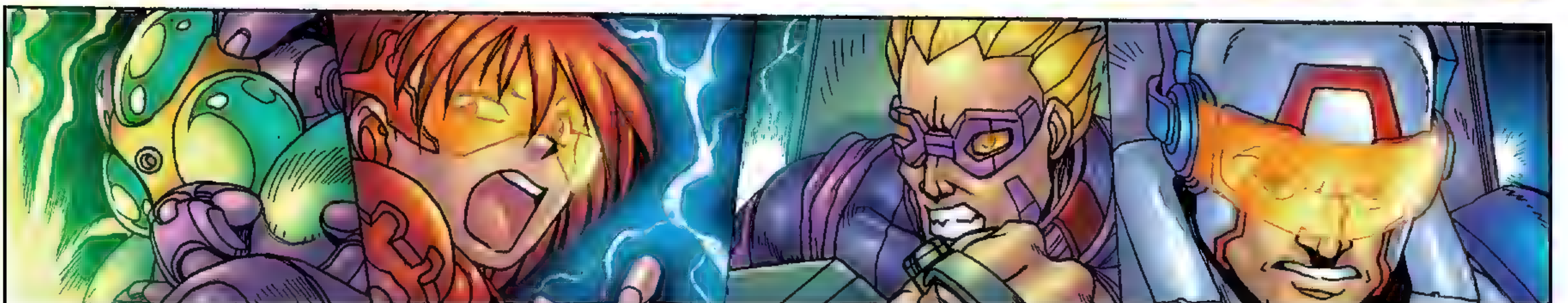
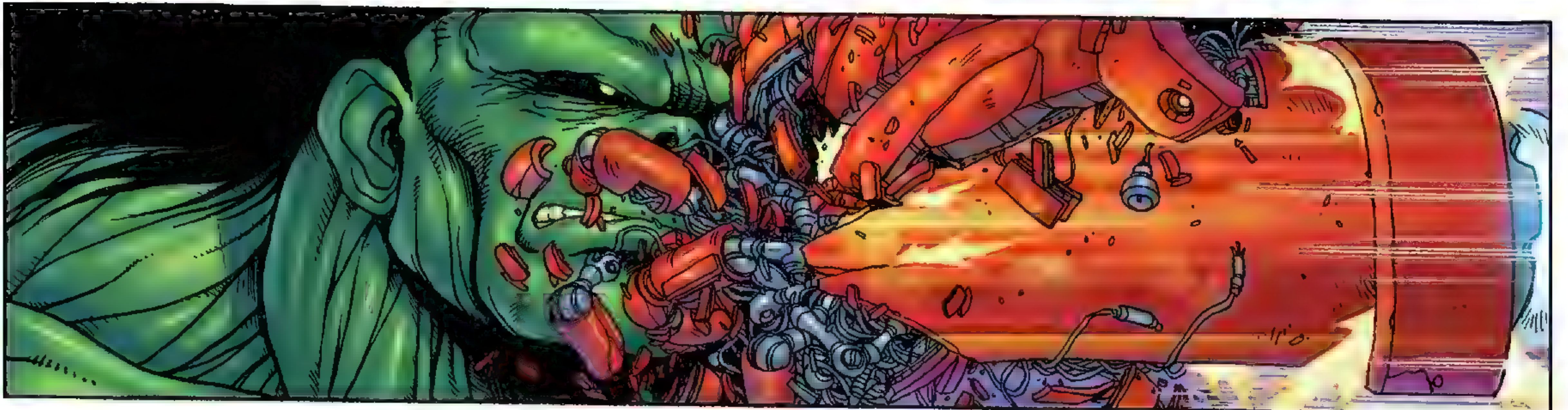


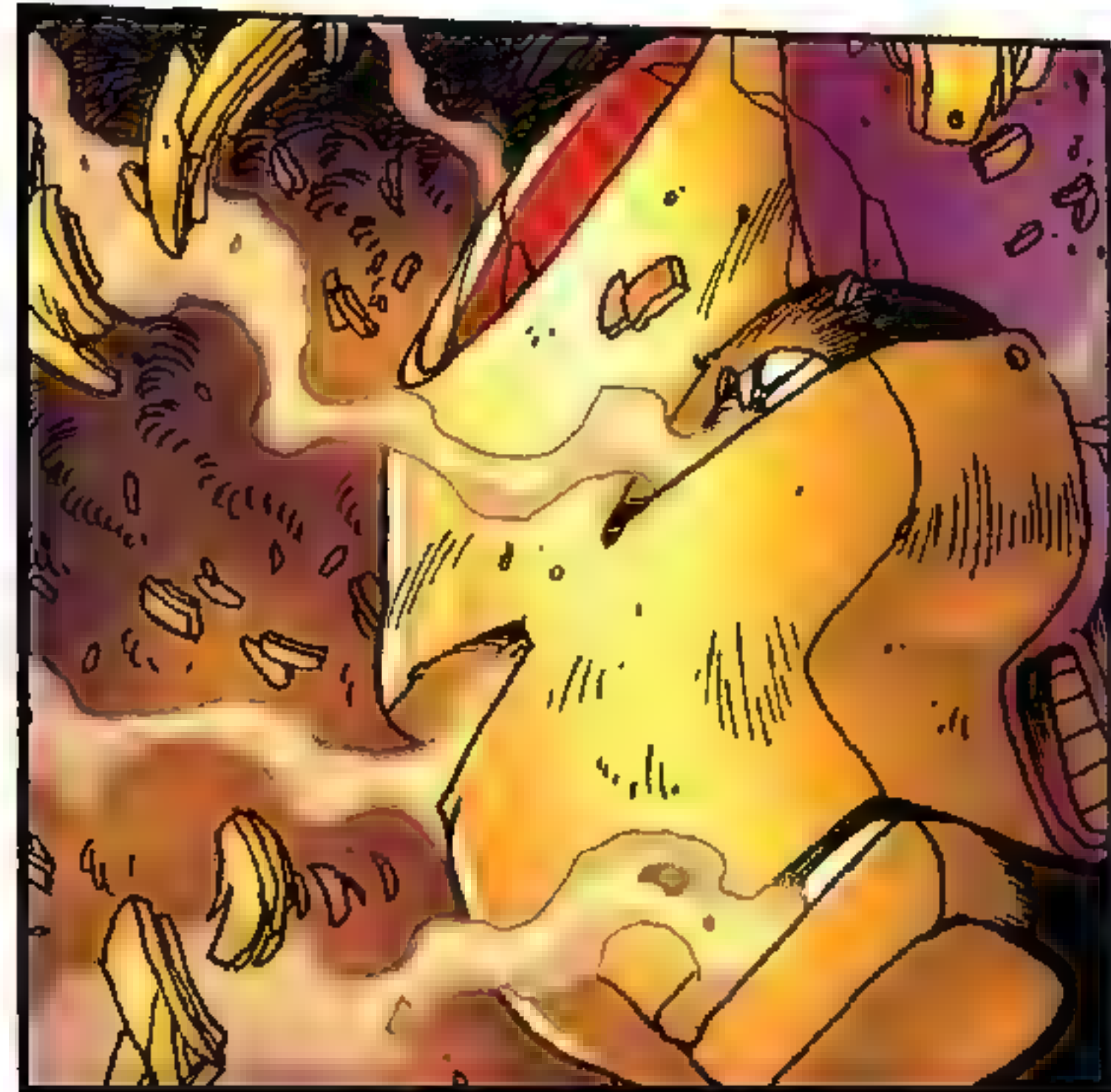
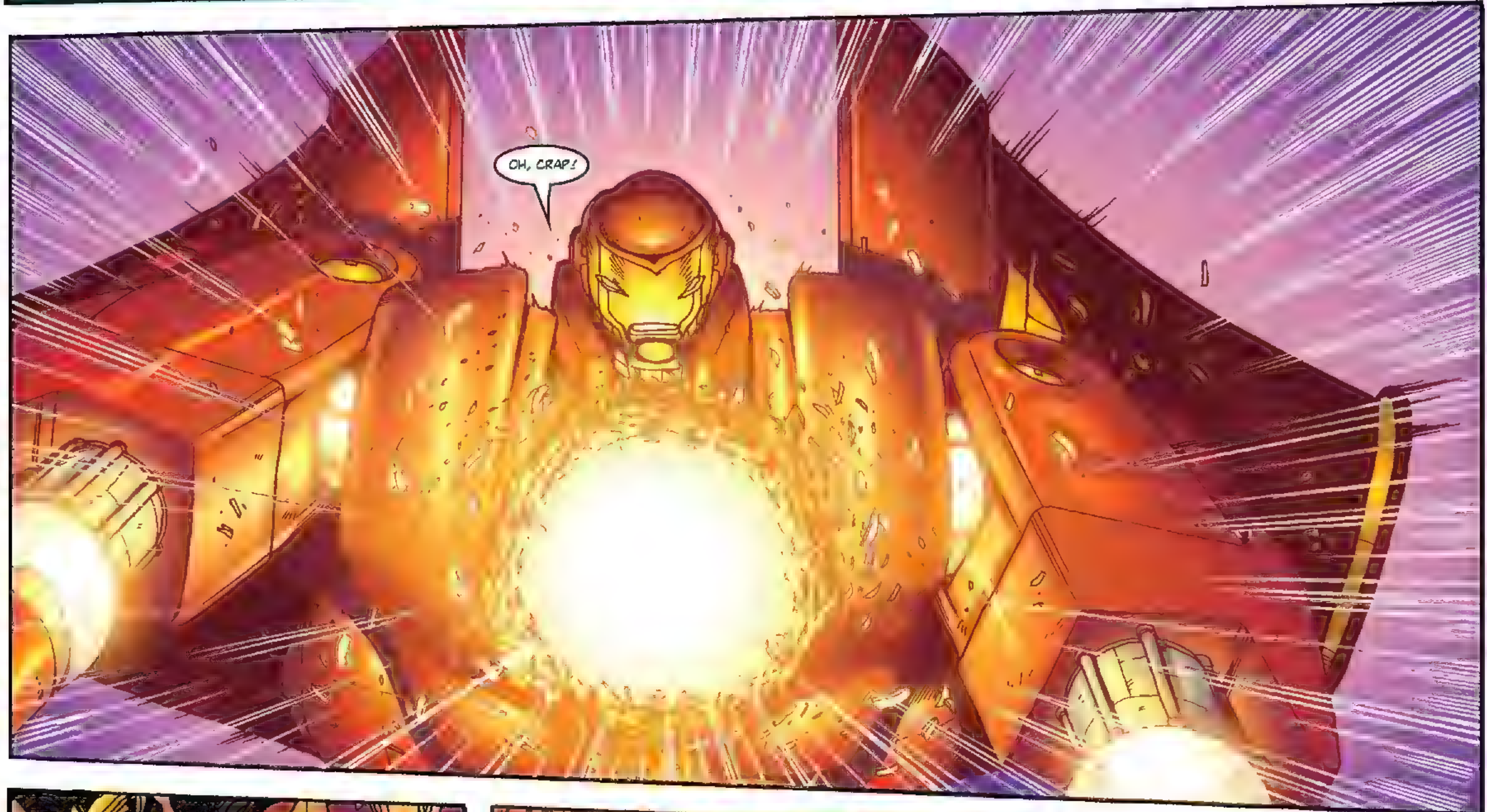
ALL
RIGHT!
LET'S DO
IT!!

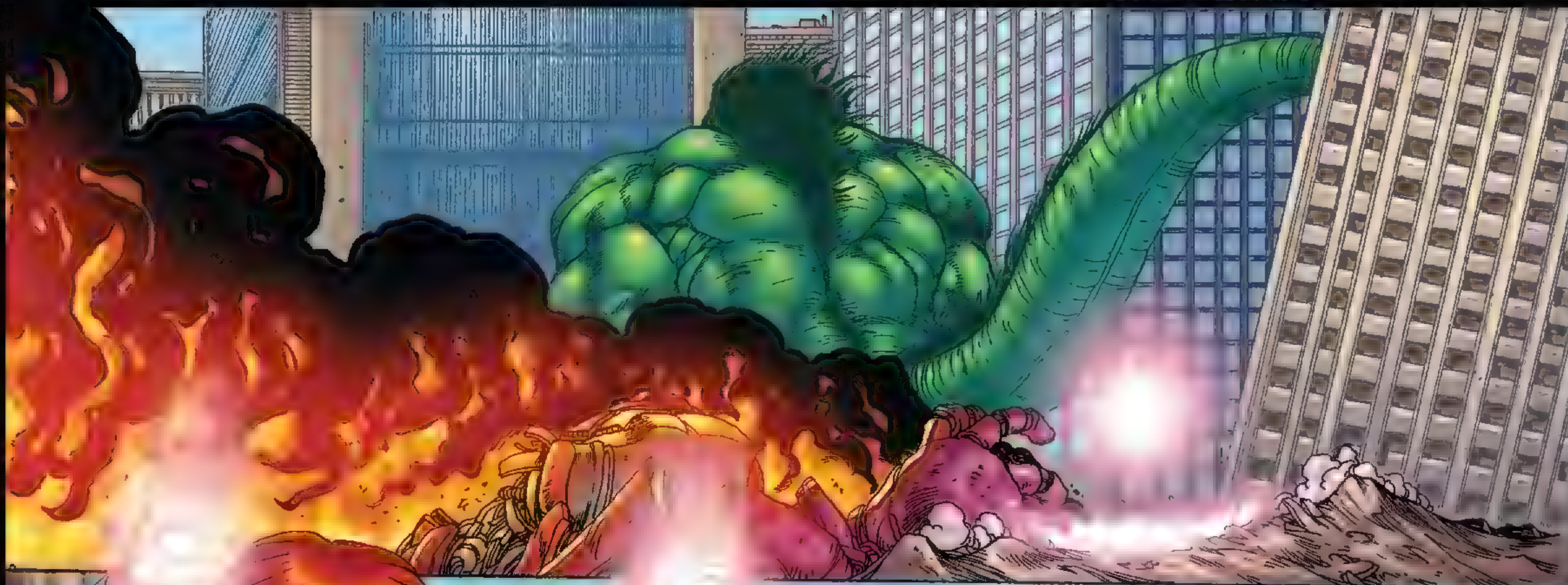
**IRON
AVENGER
MEGA-POWER
PUNCH!!**



WHOOOM!







IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

YES, THANKS TO YOU, SCARLET WITCH...AND YOUR HANDY TELEPORTATION SPELL!

TOO BAD THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID ABOUT OUR IRON AVENGER...

HOPE OUR INSURANCE COVERS IT...

HATE TO ADMIT IT...LOOKS LIKE I GREATLY UNDERESTIMATED THE HULK'S POWER AND STRENGTH!

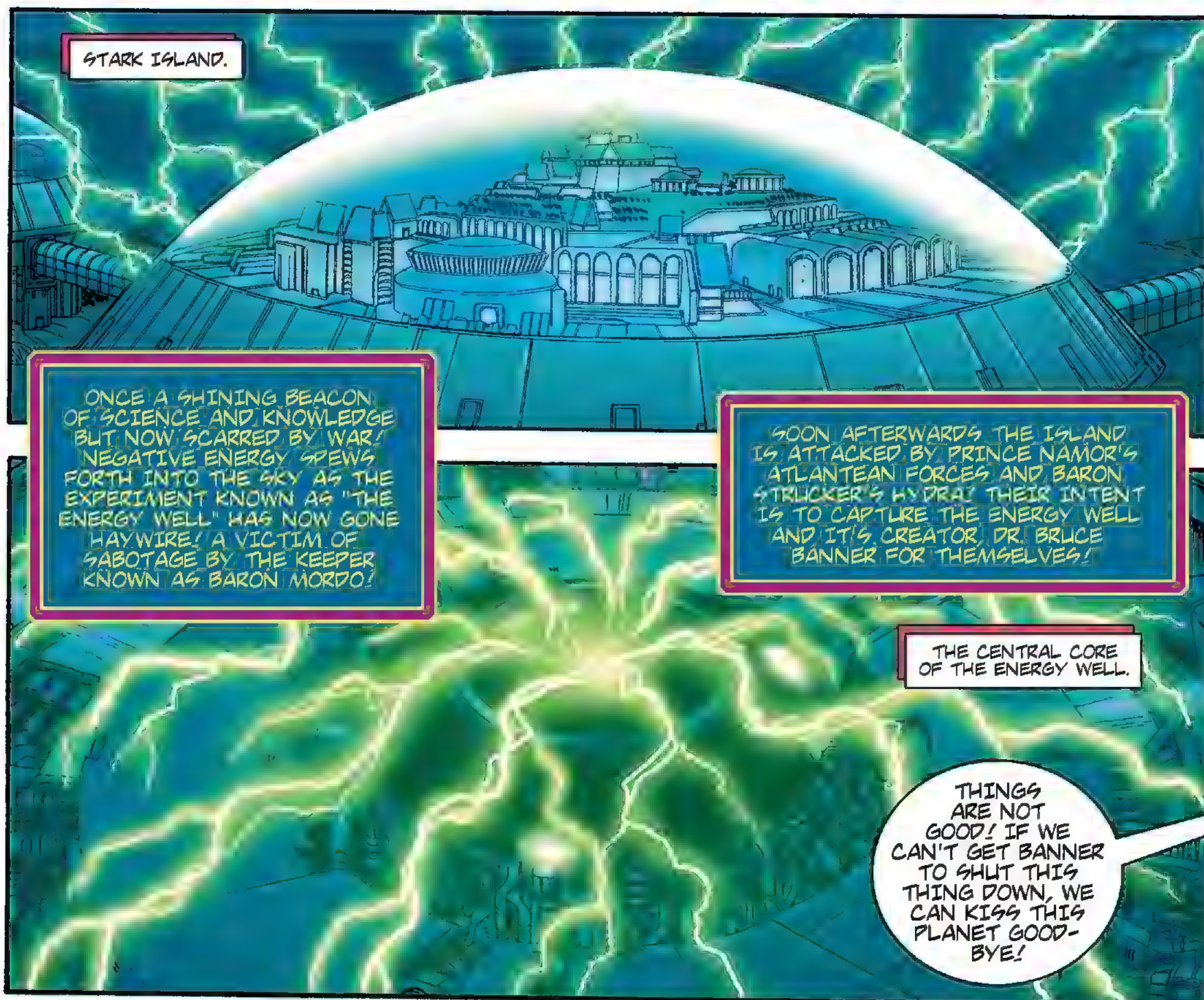
OH, MAN! THAT WAS FRIKKIN' AWESOME!!

IF I JUST HAD A CAMCORDER I COULD'VE SOLD THE FOOTAGE FOR SOME SERIOUS JACK!!

Y'AH THINK?!

SAY! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA...

JOLLY GREEN GIANT! HERE COMES YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN!



STARK ISLAND.

ONCE A SHINING BEACON OF SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE BUT NOW SCARRED BY WAR! NEGATIVE ENERGY SPEWS FORTH INTO THE SKY AS THE EXPERIMENT KNOWN AS "THE ENERGY WELL" HAS NOW GONE HAYWIRE! A VICTIM OF SABOTAGE BY THE KEEPER KNOWN AS BARON MORDO!

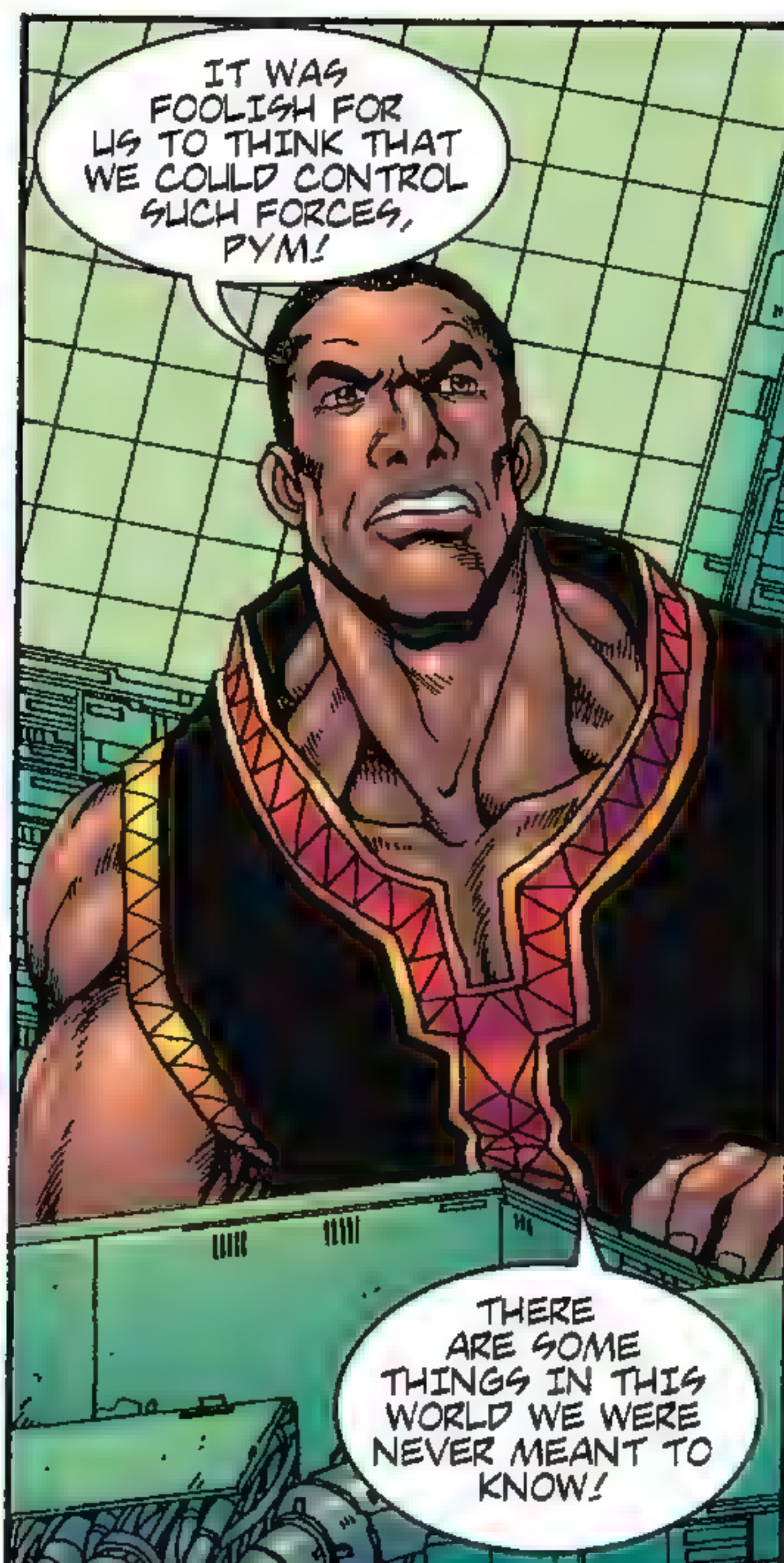
SOON AFTERWARDS THE ISLAND IS ATTACKED BY PRINCE NAMOR'S ATLANTIAN FORCES AND BARON STRUCKER'S HYDRA! THEIR INTENT IS TO CAPTURE THE ENERGY WELL AND IT'S CREATOR, DR. BRUCE BANNER FOR THEMSELVES!

THE CENTRAL CORE OF THE ENERGY WELL.

THINGS ARE NOT GOOD! IF WE CAN'T GET BANNER TO SHUT THIS THING DOWN, WE CAN KISS THIS PLANET GOOD-BYE!



IT'S NO GOOD! ALL THE DAMPERS ARE SHOT!



IT WAS FOOLISH FOR US TO THINK THAT WE COULD CONTROL SUCH FORCES, PYM!

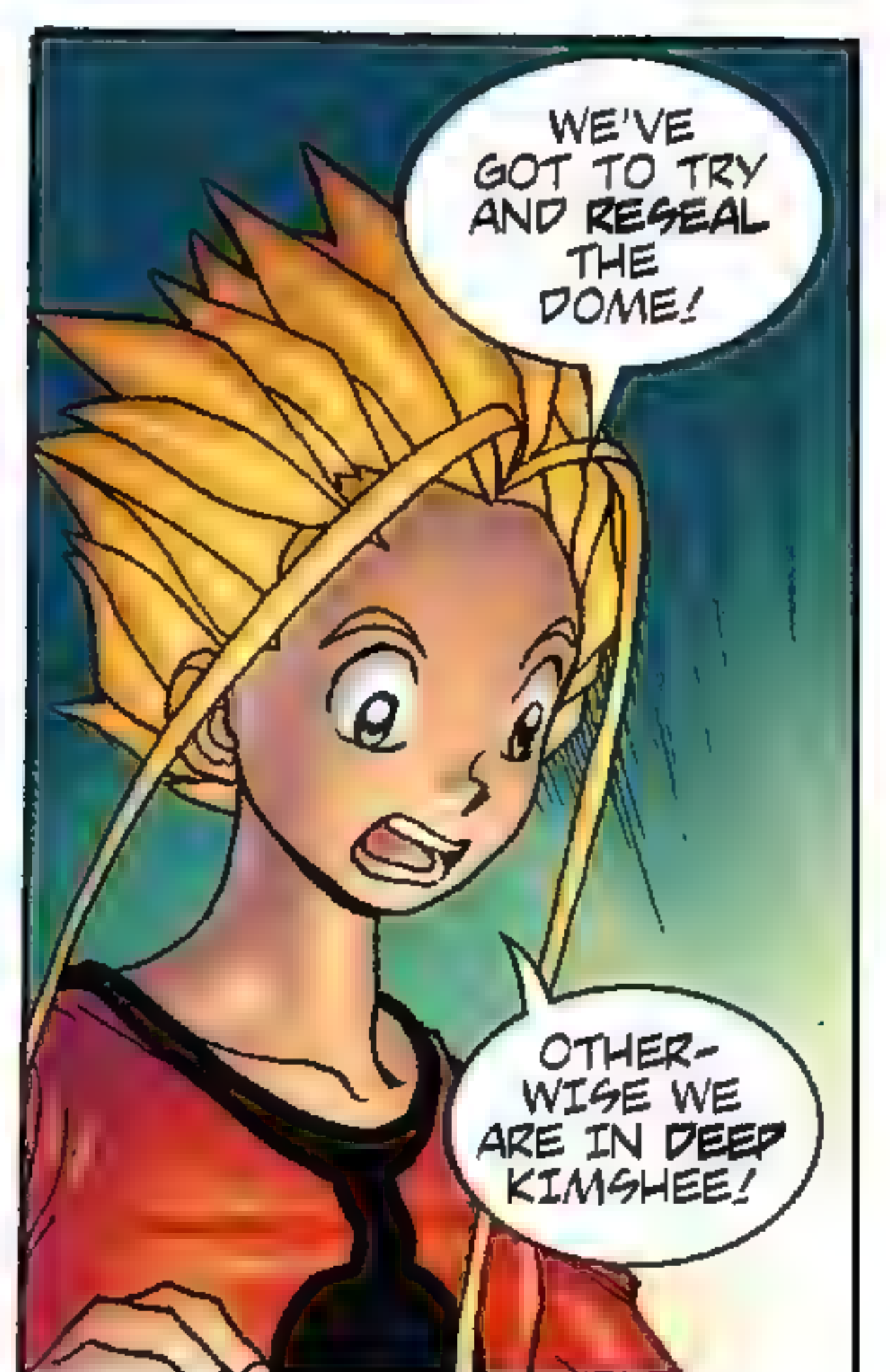
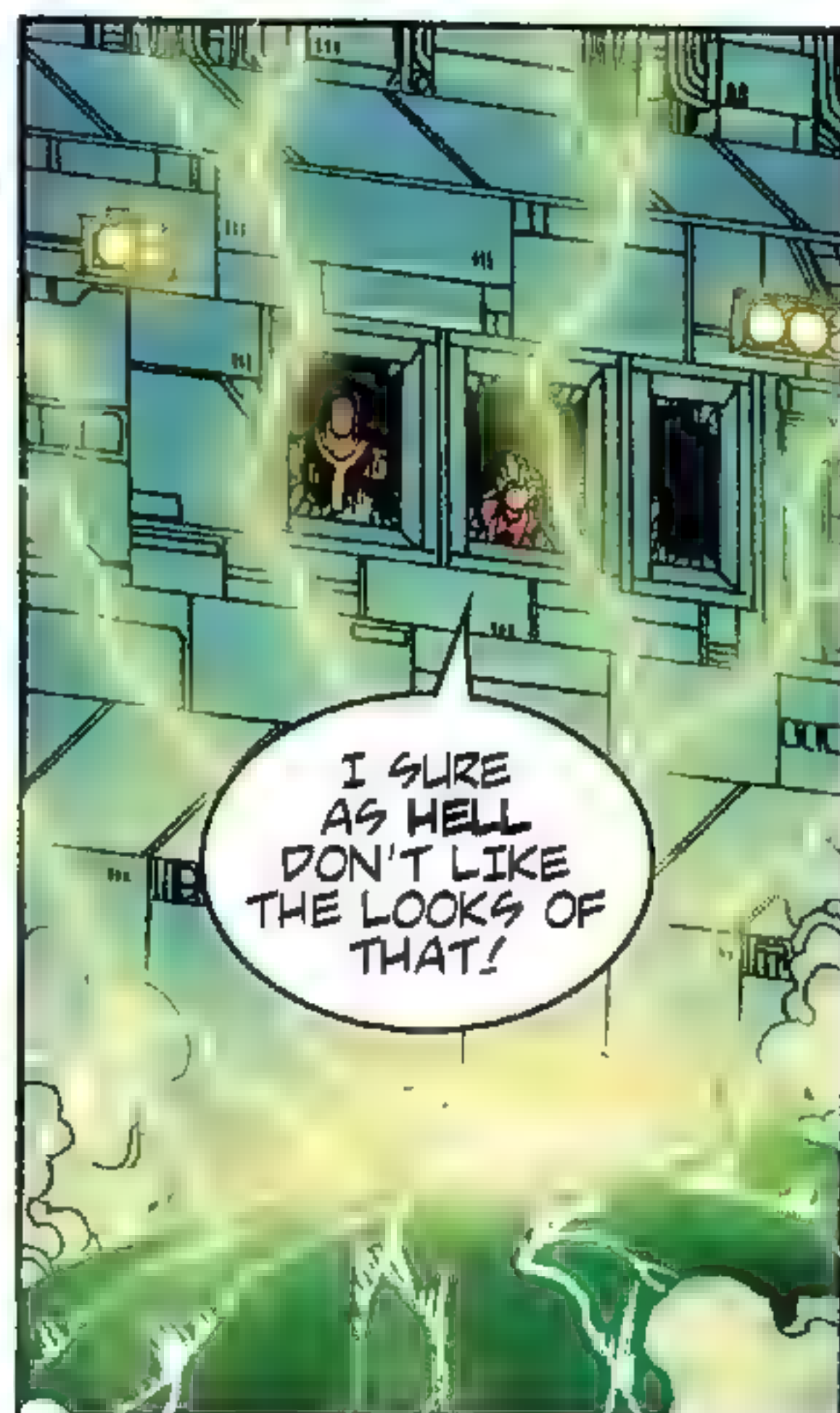
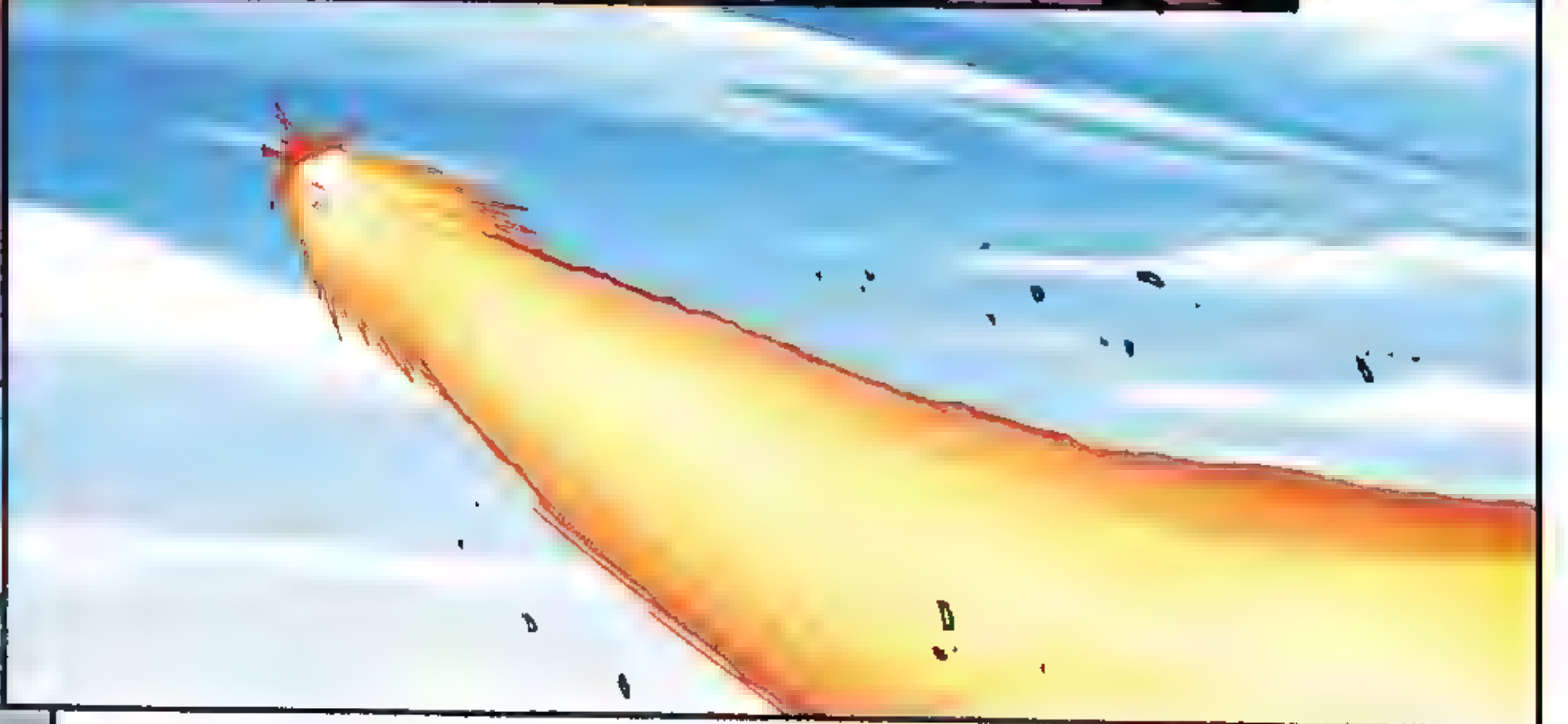
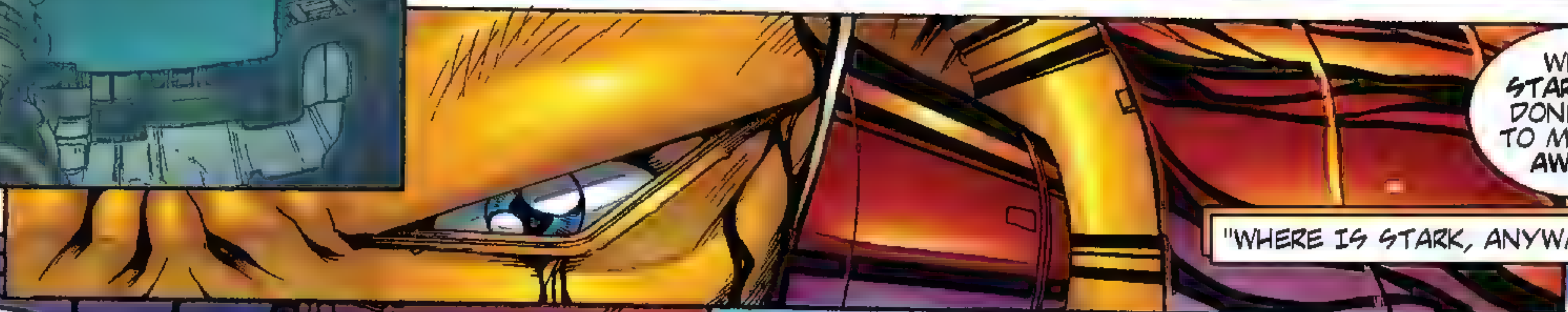
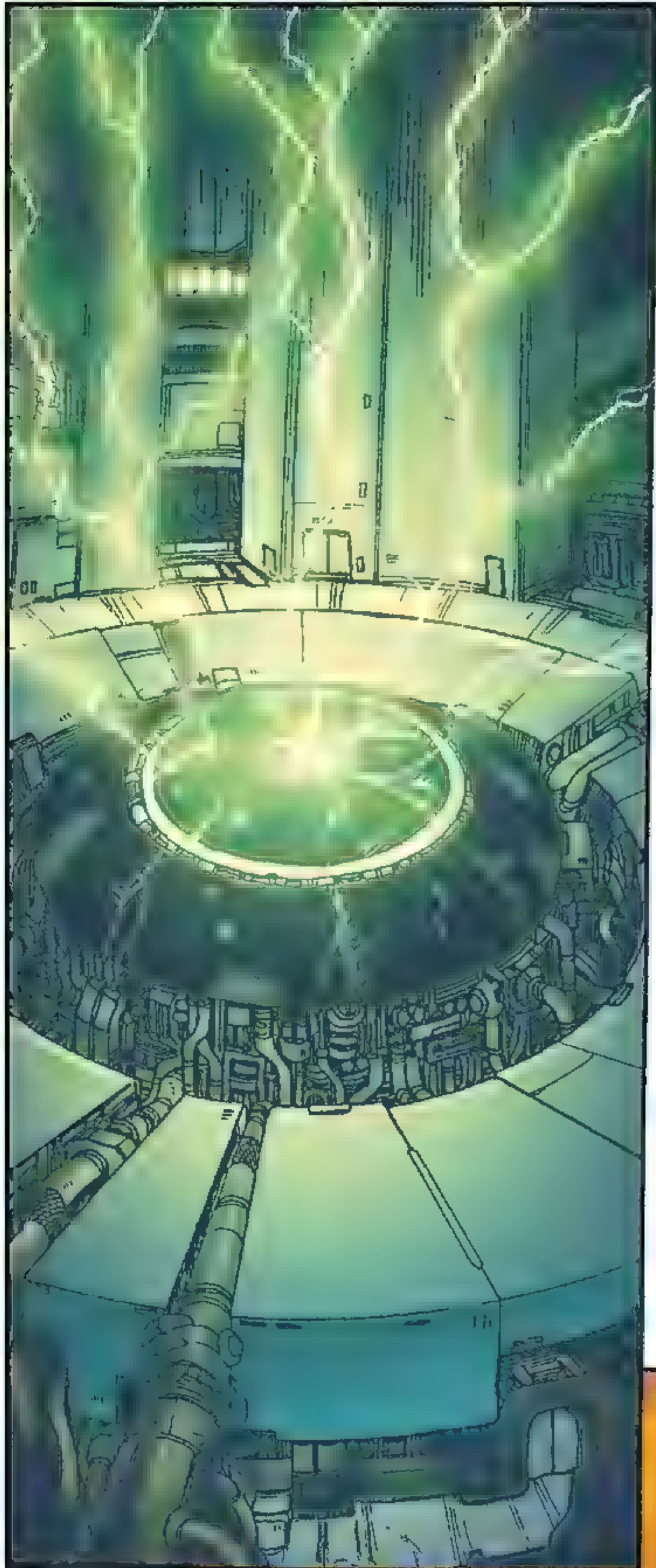
THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THIS WORLD WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO KNOW!



YEAH! OKAY! WE GET THE MESSAGE, T'CHALLA, BUT I'M NOT GONNA GIVE UP JUST YET!

I ALWAYS FIND IT AMUSING THAT THE PEOPLE WHO SAY "WE SHOULDN'T DO THINGS" ARE THE ONES WHO END UP DOING NOTHING!

NOW LET'S GET OUR BUTTS INTO GEAR AND SAVE THIS DARN PLANET!





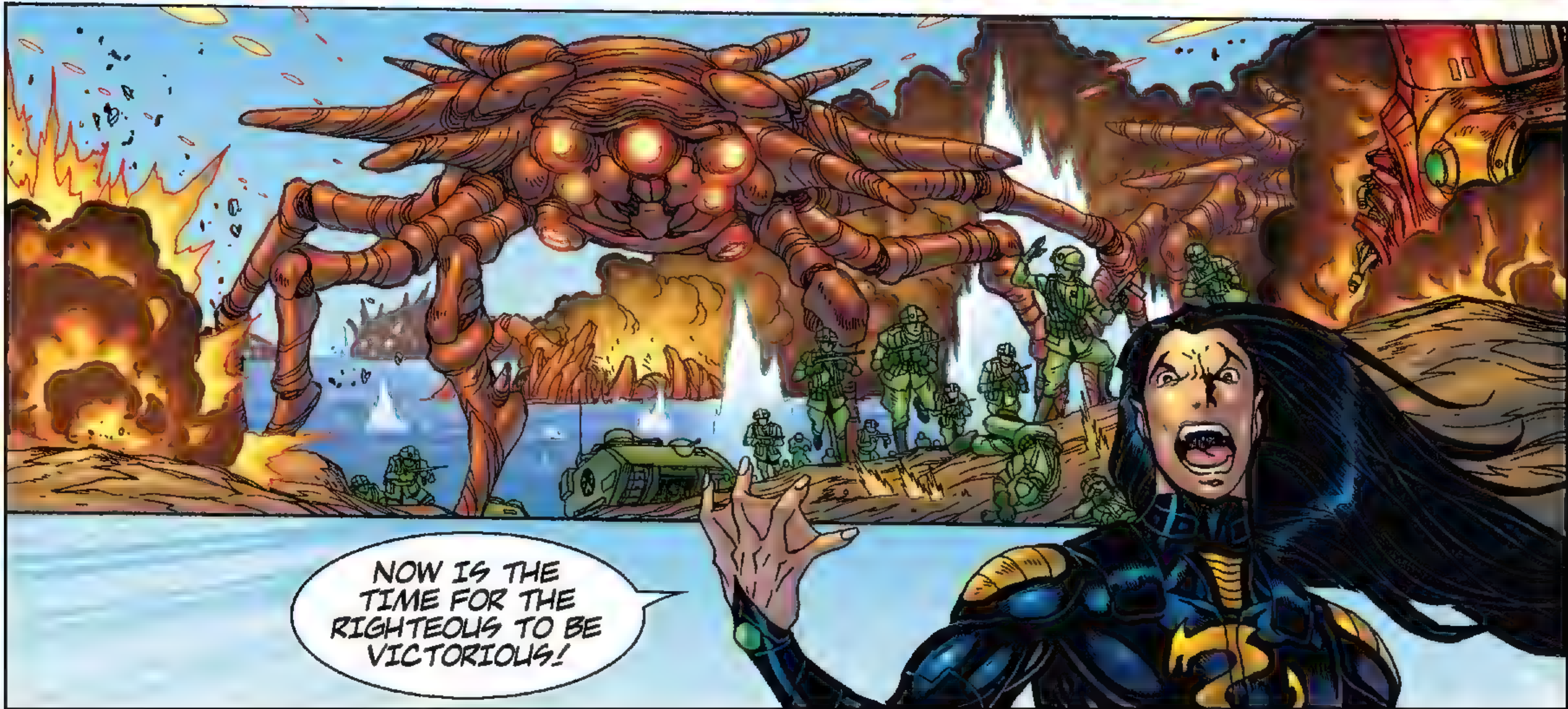
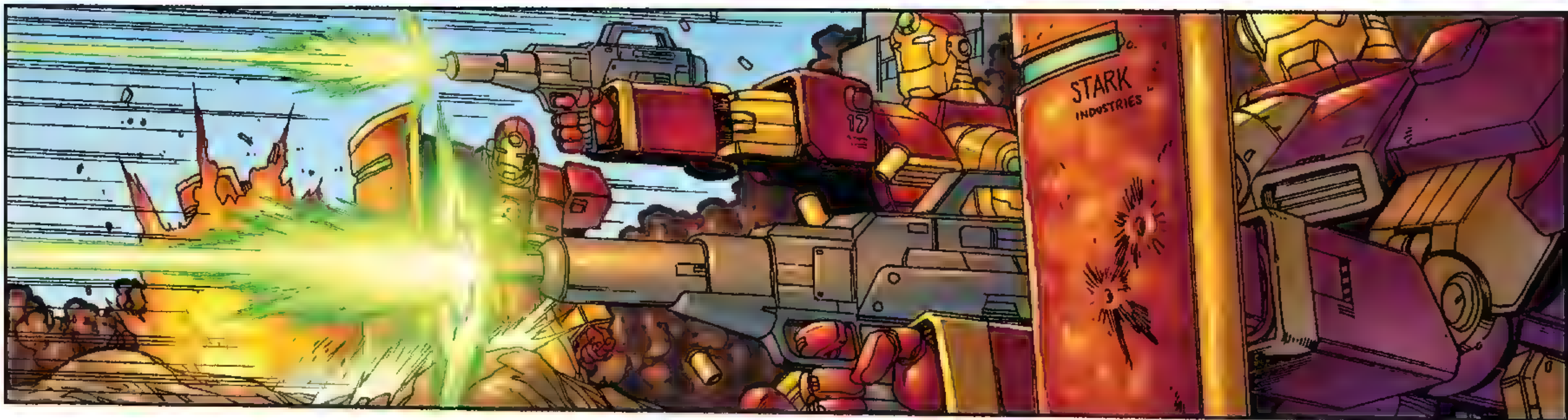
"ALL SECURITY UNITS OF STARK ISLAND! COMBINED ATLANTEAN AND HYDRA ARMED FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING AN INVASION."

"HEAVY ATLANTEAN ARTILLERY ARE BOMBARDING THE OUTER SHIELD. ALL MECHA UNITS ARE IN HARDENED POSTITIONS."

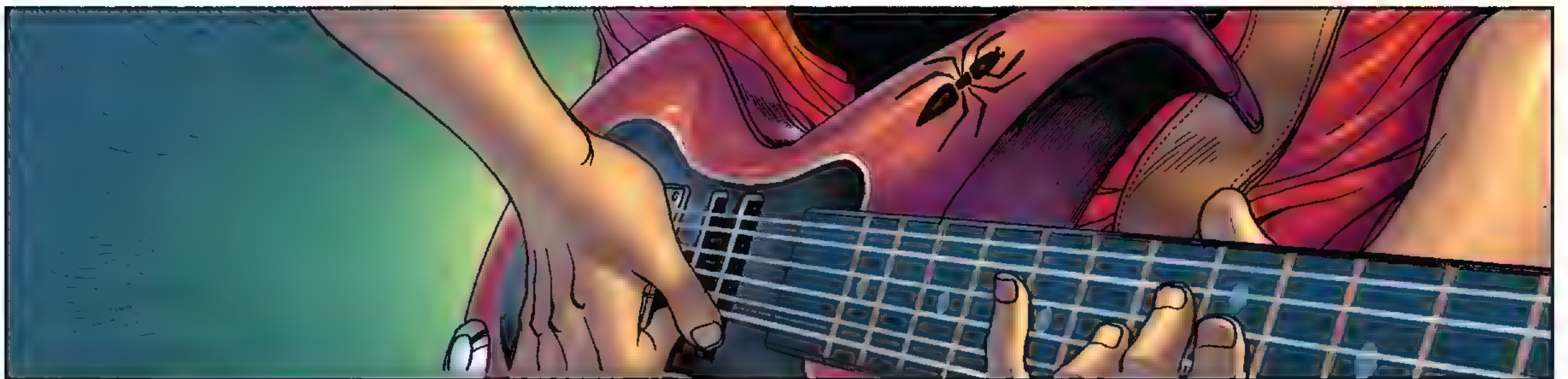
"THE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM HAD BEEN SABOTAGED BY WHAT IS ASSUMED TO BE A MOLE. HOWEVER, SURPRISE WAS NOT COMPLETE AS STARK ISLAND SECURITY WAS ABLE TO MOUNT A SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE. THE CONCERN IS HOW LONG IT CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT HELP."

"WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE HERE TO CAPTURE THE ENERGY WELL. THIS IS HEAD OF SECURITY OF STARK ISLAND, JIM FELKNER."

"TIME:0200."



NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE VICTORIOUS!





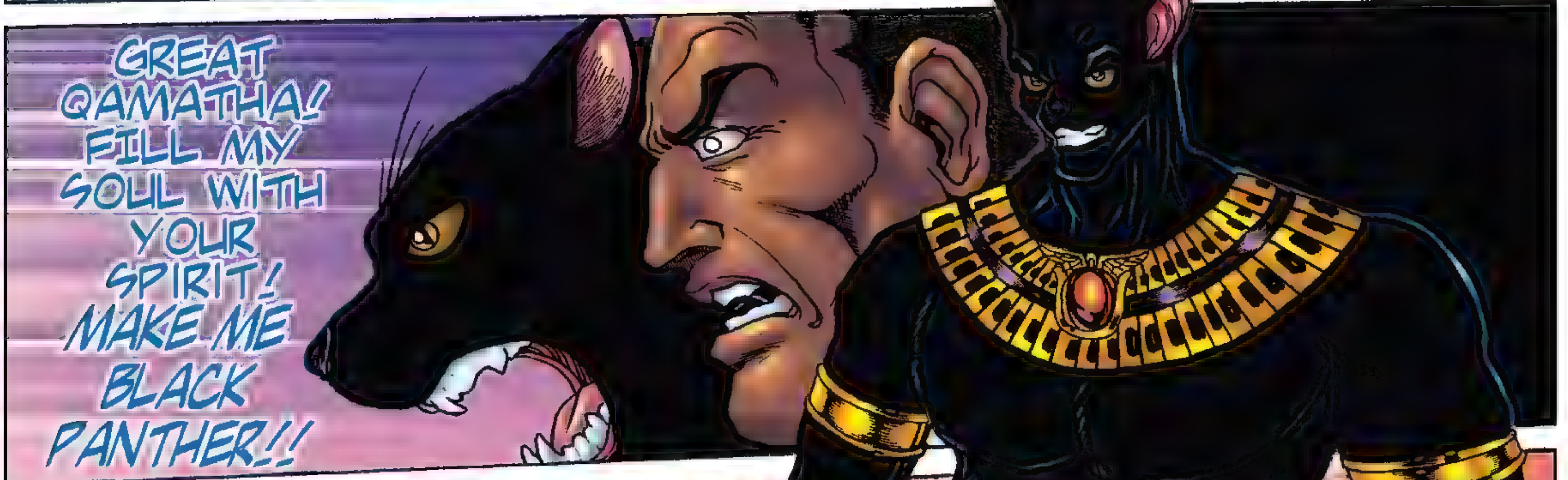
COME,
MY LITTLE
FRIENDS!
I
NEED
YOUR
HELP!



HANK!
MY BIO-BLASTS
ARE NOT CUTTIN'
IT! IT'S ONLY
SLOWING WHATEVER'S
DOWN THERE! NOT
STOPPING
IT!!

I HOPE
YOUR ANT
FRIENDS CAN
RESEAL THE
DOME!

T'CHALLA!
A LITTLE HELP
HERE!

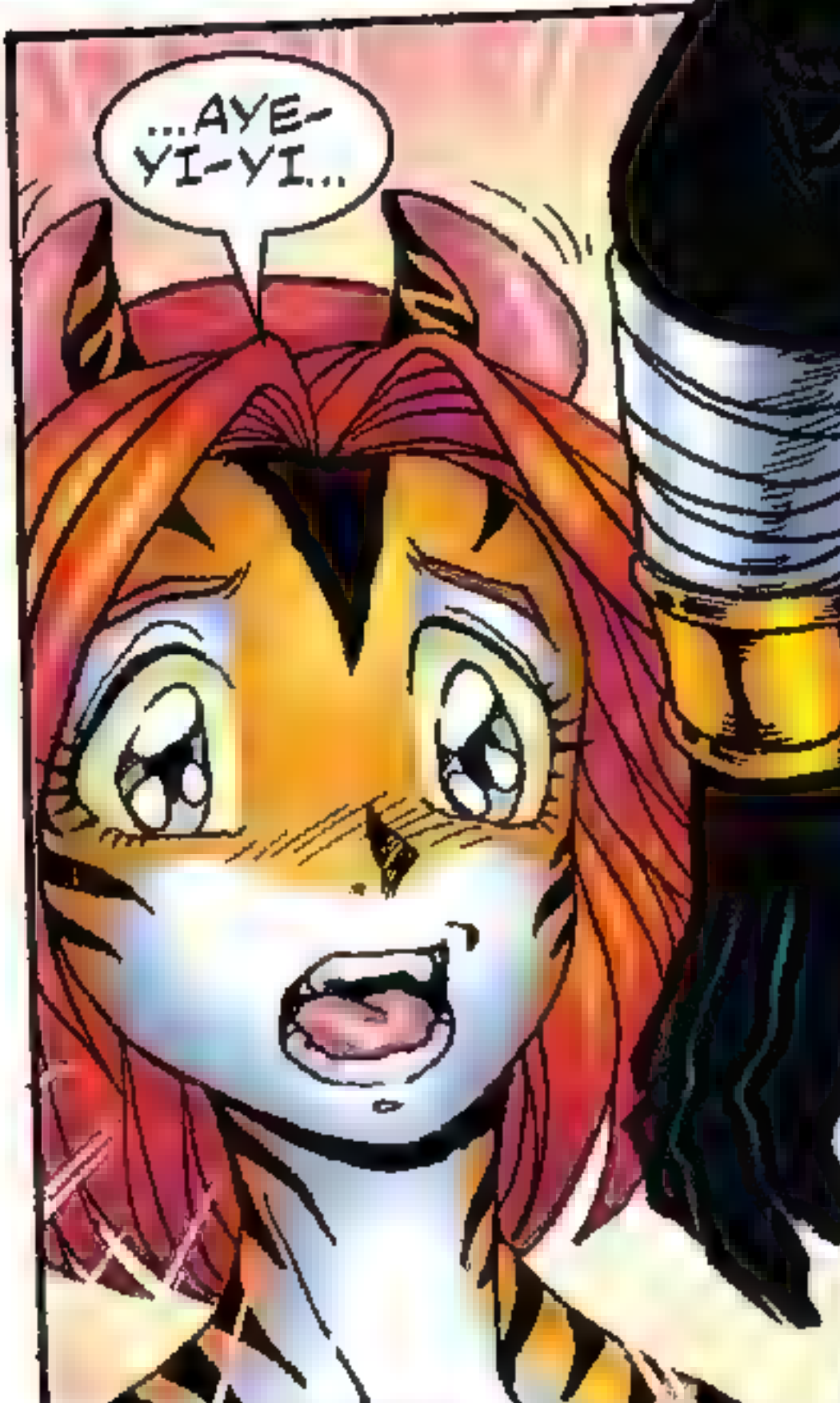


GREAT
QAMATHA!
FILL MY
SOUL WITH
YOUR
SPIRIT!
MAKE ME
BLACK
PANTHER!!

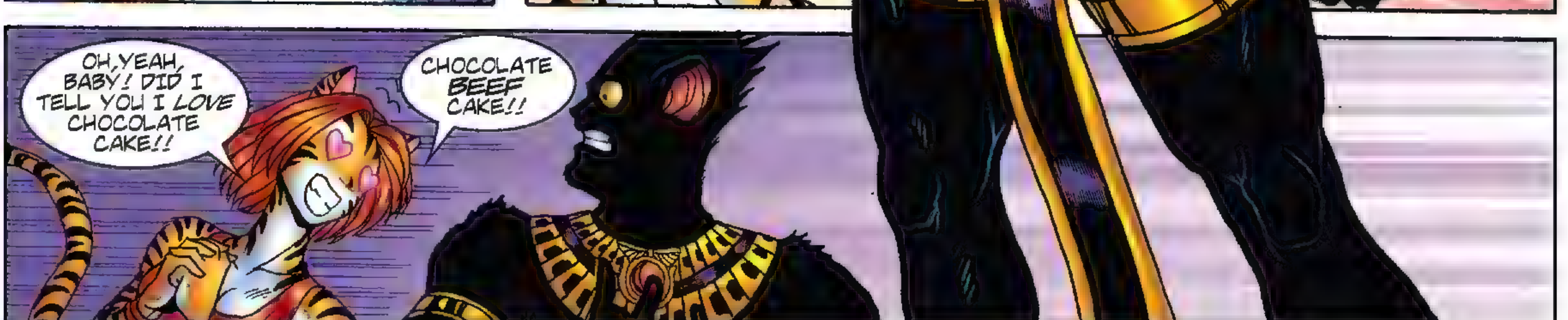


WHH!
THAT WIDOW
POISON SURE
PACKS A
WALLOP!

IF NOT
FOR MY
WERE-TIGER
IMMUNITY I'D...



...AYE-
YI-YI...



OH, YEAH,
BABY! DID I
TELL YOU I LOVE
CHOCOLATE
CAKE!!

CHOCOLATE
BEEF
CAKE!!



THERE'S
TOO MANY
OF THEM...
WE GOTTA
FALL
BACK!

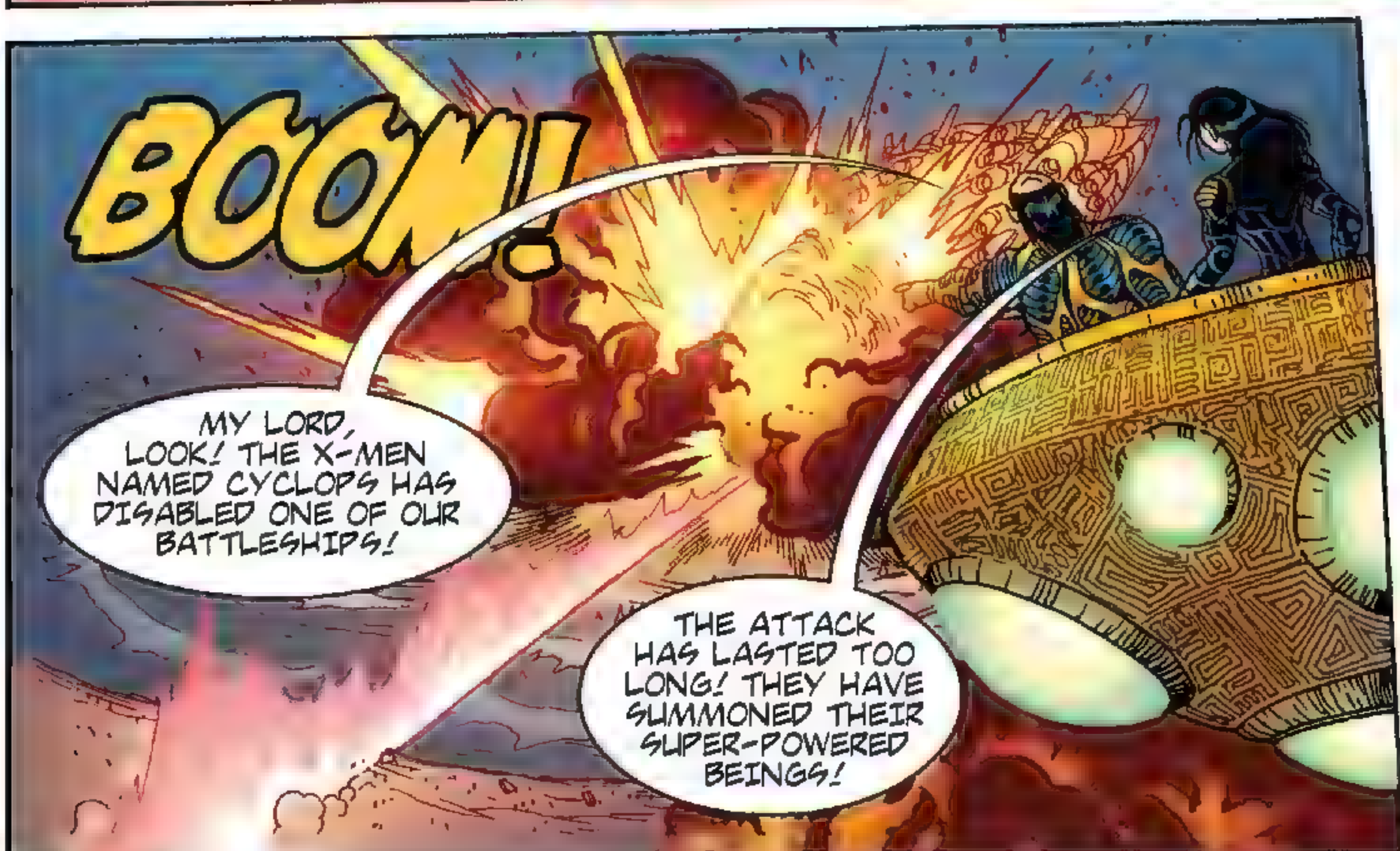
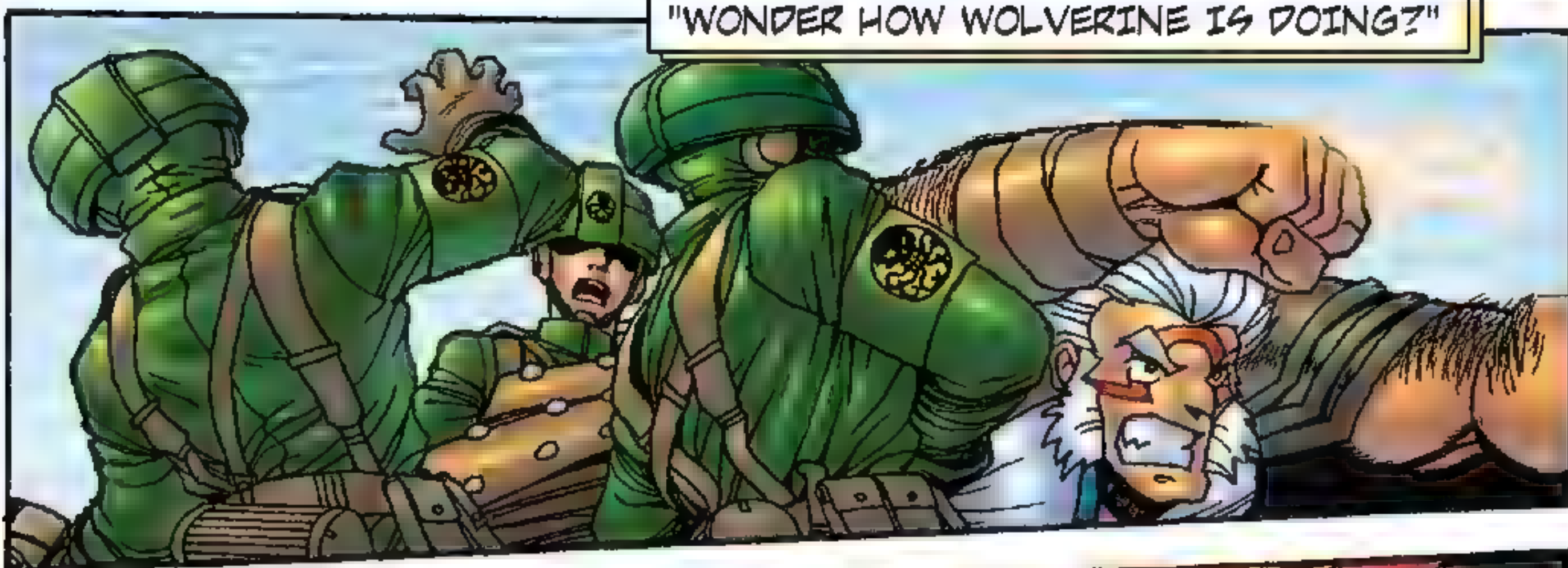
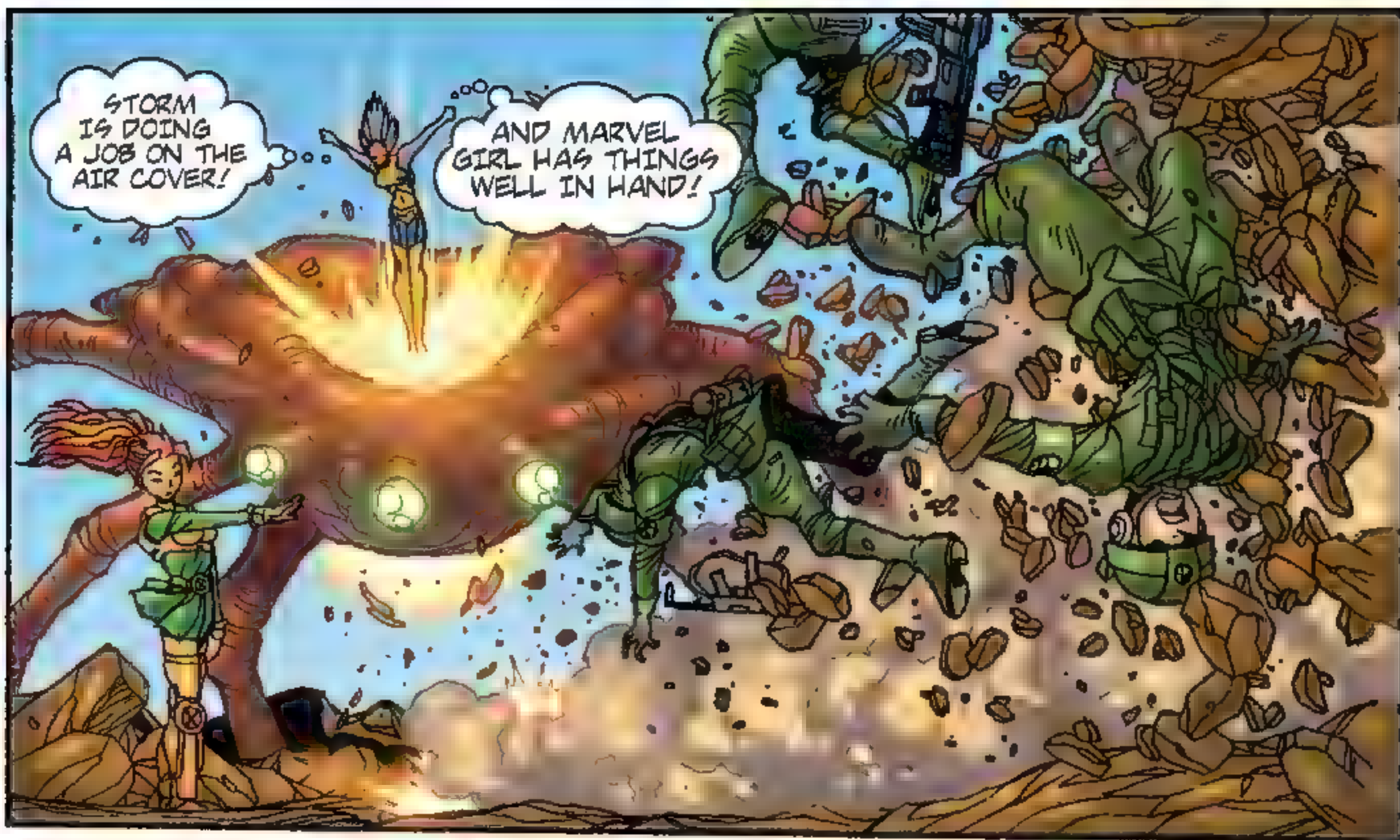
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LOOK!

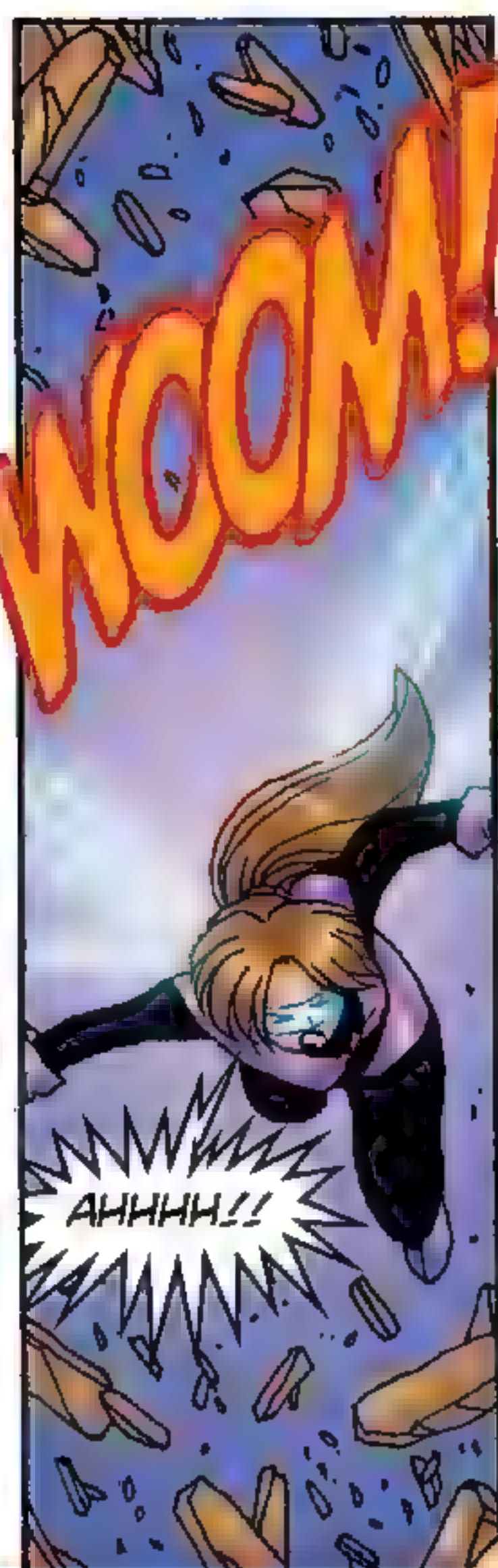
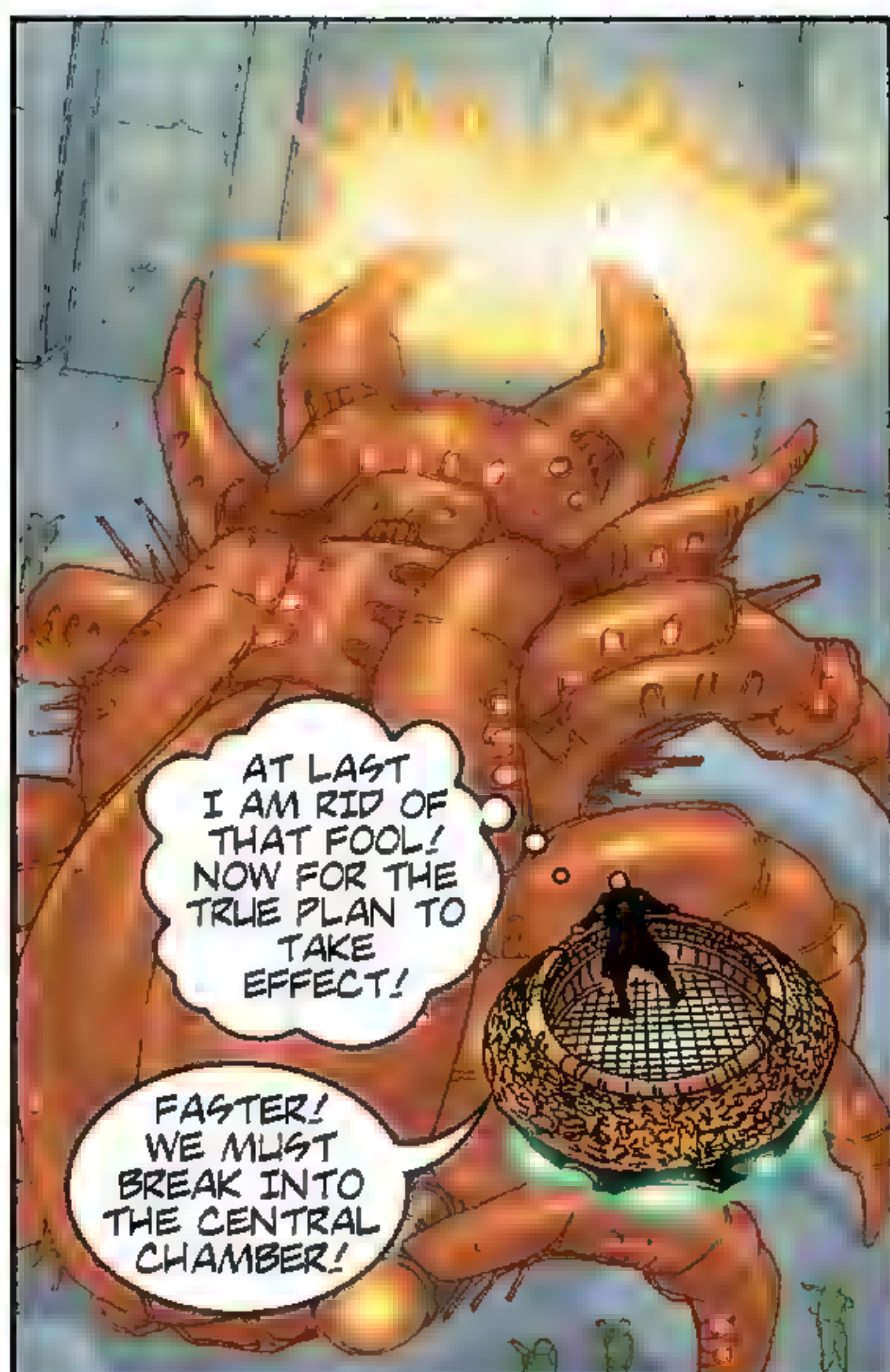
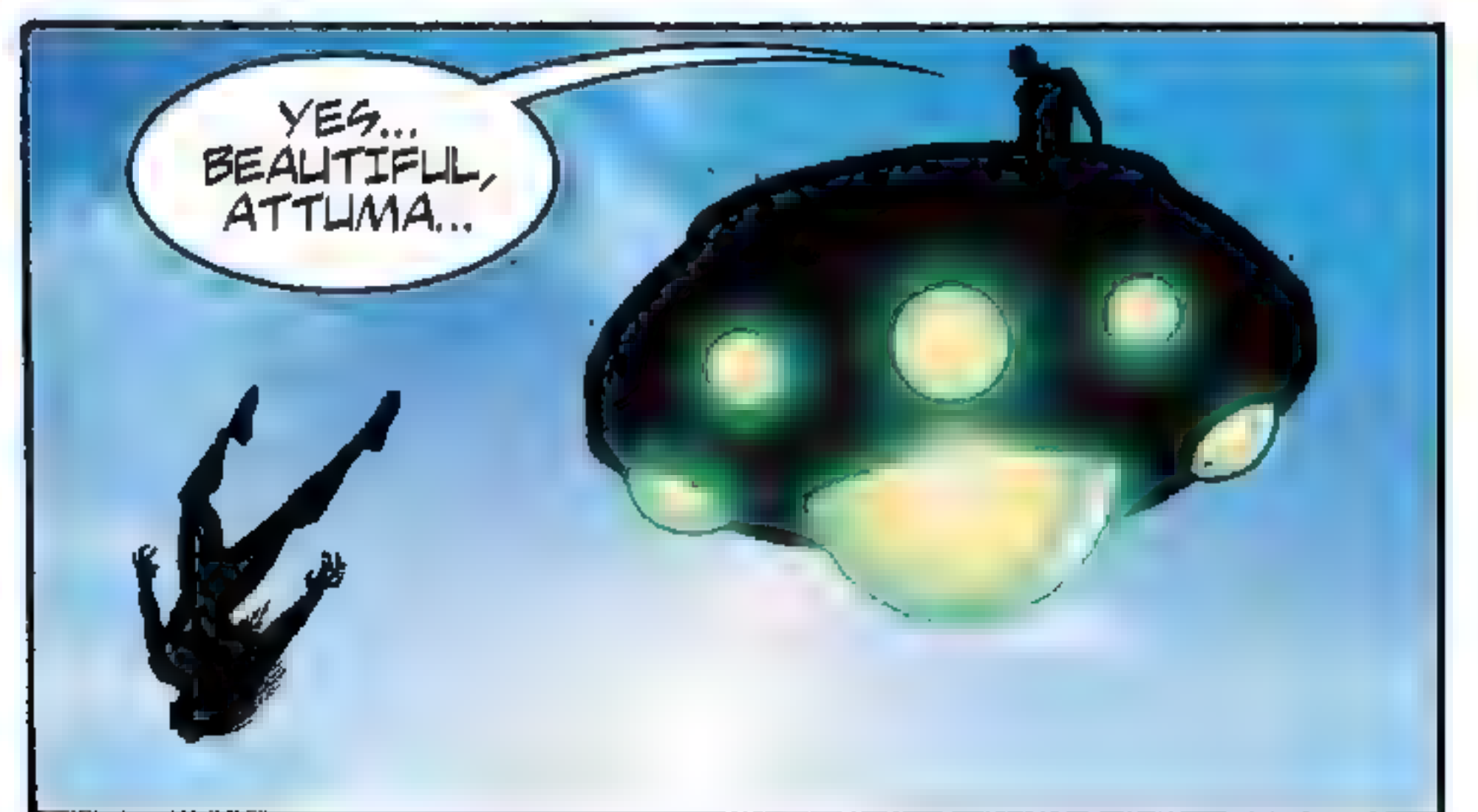
WAIT-A-
MINUTE...I
CAN'T
FLY!!

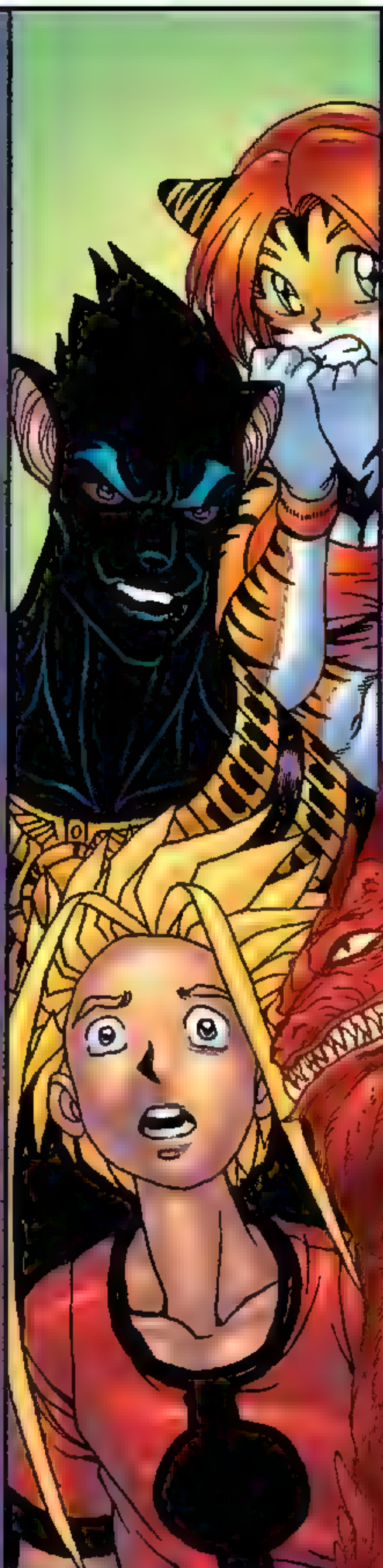
YEAH,
ROGUE! THAT'S
THE WAY I LIKE
IT!!

WOLVERINE!
YOU HIT'EM LOW
AND I'LL HIT'EM
HIGH!

IT'S THE X-MEN





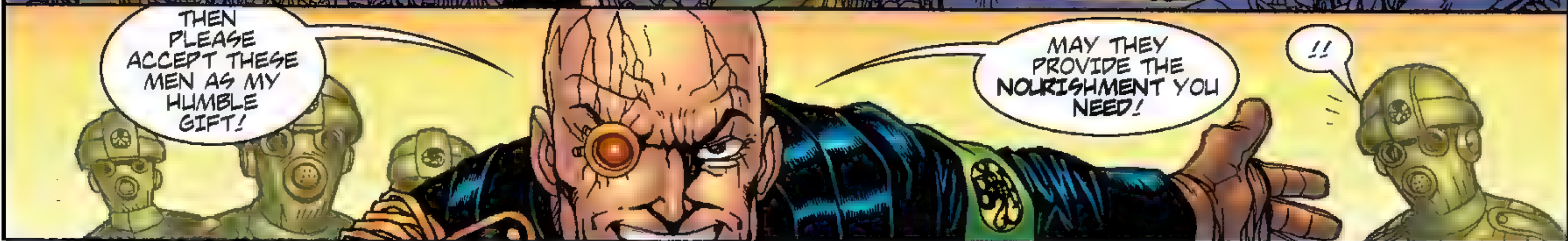


AT LAST!
AFTER AN
ETERNITY!

MY LORD
AND GOD
DORMAMMU!
I, STRUCKER,
WELCOME YOU
TO YOUR
INHERITANCE
OF THE PRIMEVAL
EARTH!

I AM
HONORED TO
BE ONE OF YOUR
HUMBLE GATE-
KEEPERS!

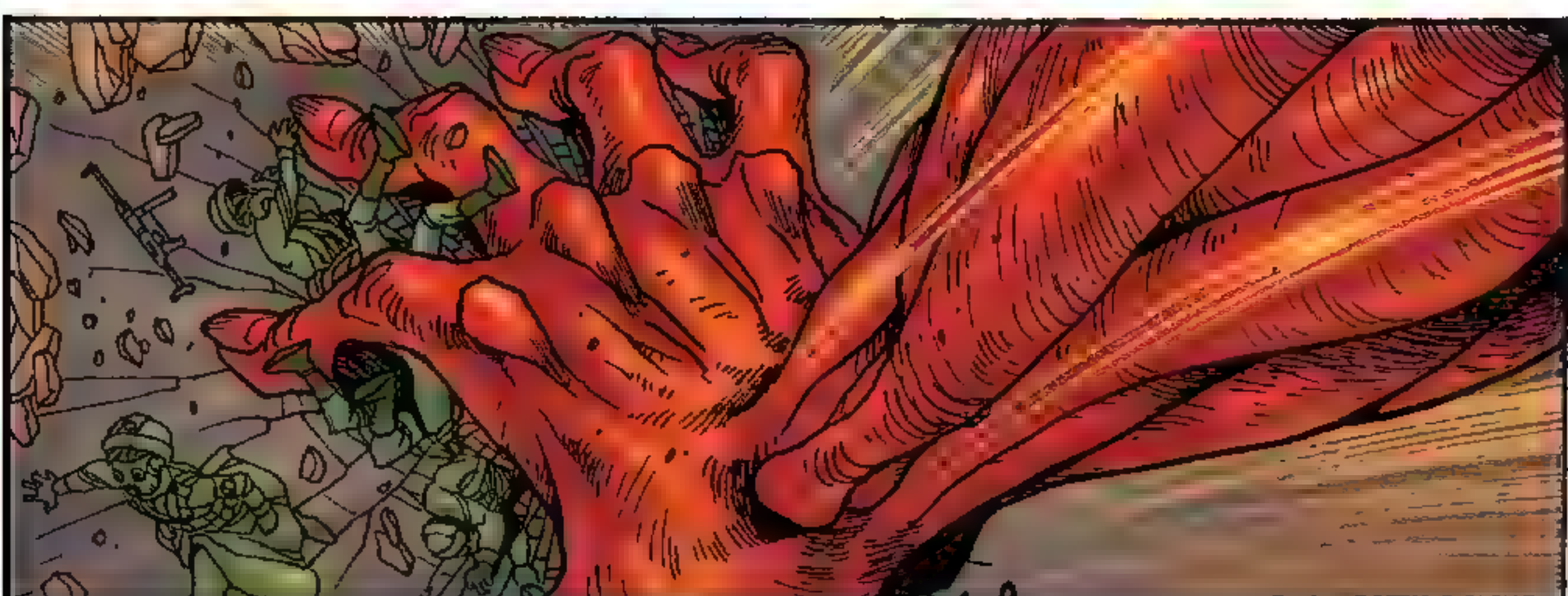
GATEKEEPER!
I HUNGER! I DEMAND
BLOOD AND
SOULS!



THEN
PLEASE
ACCEPT THESE
MEN AS MY
HUMBLE
GIFT!

MAY THEY
PROVIDE THE
NOURISHMENT YOU
NEED!

!!



MEANWHILE JUST ON THE FRINGES OF SPACE...

YOU... MAY HAVE RENDERED ME HELPLESS, STRANGE, BUT ONLY I KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRES BELOW!

SINCE I KNOW YOU CANNOT STOP HIS COMING I WILL TELL YOU WHAT IS IN STORE FOR YOUR PRECIOUS SCIENCE USERS!

WHAT BANNER HAD DISCOVERED WAS NOT AN ENERGY GENERATOR, BUT A CONDUIT TO AN UNSEEN WORLD!

YOU, AS WELL AS I, KNOW THE ETHEREAL REALM DRAWS UPON THE PSYCHIC POWER OF THIS WORLD THROUGH OUR FEAR, BELIEF, AND WORSHIP!

IT IS A REPOSITORY OF PSYCHIC ENERGY THAT BANNER WAS TAPPING INTO!

THE GATE-KEEPERS HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN OF THIS AND KEPT IT TO THEMSELVES UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT TO DRAW UPON ITS POWER!

OUR FIRST ATTEMPT ALMOST SUCCEEDED IF NOT FOR THE POOR CONSTRUCTION!

BUT WHEN STARK PLANNED TO REBUILD THE ENERGY WELL, I KNEW WE HAD A SECOND CHANCE! THERE ARE GODS AND MONSTERS LIVING THERE AWAITING A CHANCE TO RETURN!

BANNER ALMOST BROUGHT A CREATURE TO THIS PLANE WHEN HE BECAME INSANE.

BUT, STARK SUPPRESSED HIS MEMORY AND THIS IS THE MONSTER!

BUT NOW THE CREATURE IS FREE! FREE TO RAIN HAVOC UPON THOSE INSOLENT PEOPLE WHO THINK THEMSELVES SUPERIOR TO THE GATEKEEPERS!

SO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE WILL FALL AND THE WORLD OF MAGIC WILL ARISE ONCE MORE!

WHAT THEY WILL TASTE WITH THIS MONSTER IS BUT A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT AWAITS THEM!!

WHY DO YOU DEFEND THESE CREATURES! AS A SPELL CASTER THEY ARE BENEATH YOU!!

JOIN ME!

A TEMPTING OFFER, MORDO, BUT YOU AND YOUR ILK ARE ALL QUITE MAD IF YOU THINK THAT YOUR WORLD OF MAGIC CAN ONCE AGAIN REIGN!

THE ANCIENT ONE SHOWED ME THE RESULTS OF THE GATE-KEEPER'S RULE... PAIN, CRUELTY AND IGNORANCE!

MANKIND REJECTED YOUR KIND... AND I WILL BE THEIR PROTECTOR!

STRUCKER WAS RIGHT...HE KNEW THAT YOU WOULD NOT TURN, BUT I THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT A TRY ANYWAY! I KNEW THE RISK OF USING MAGIC, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! MY TASK IS DONE! IF YOU KILL ME...

...I WILL BE HAILED A HERO!

STRUCKER?!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! SO YOU WERE BUT A MERE DISTRACTION! A BRILLIANTLY CONCEIVED FEINT WHILE THE REAL BATTLE RAGES BELOW!

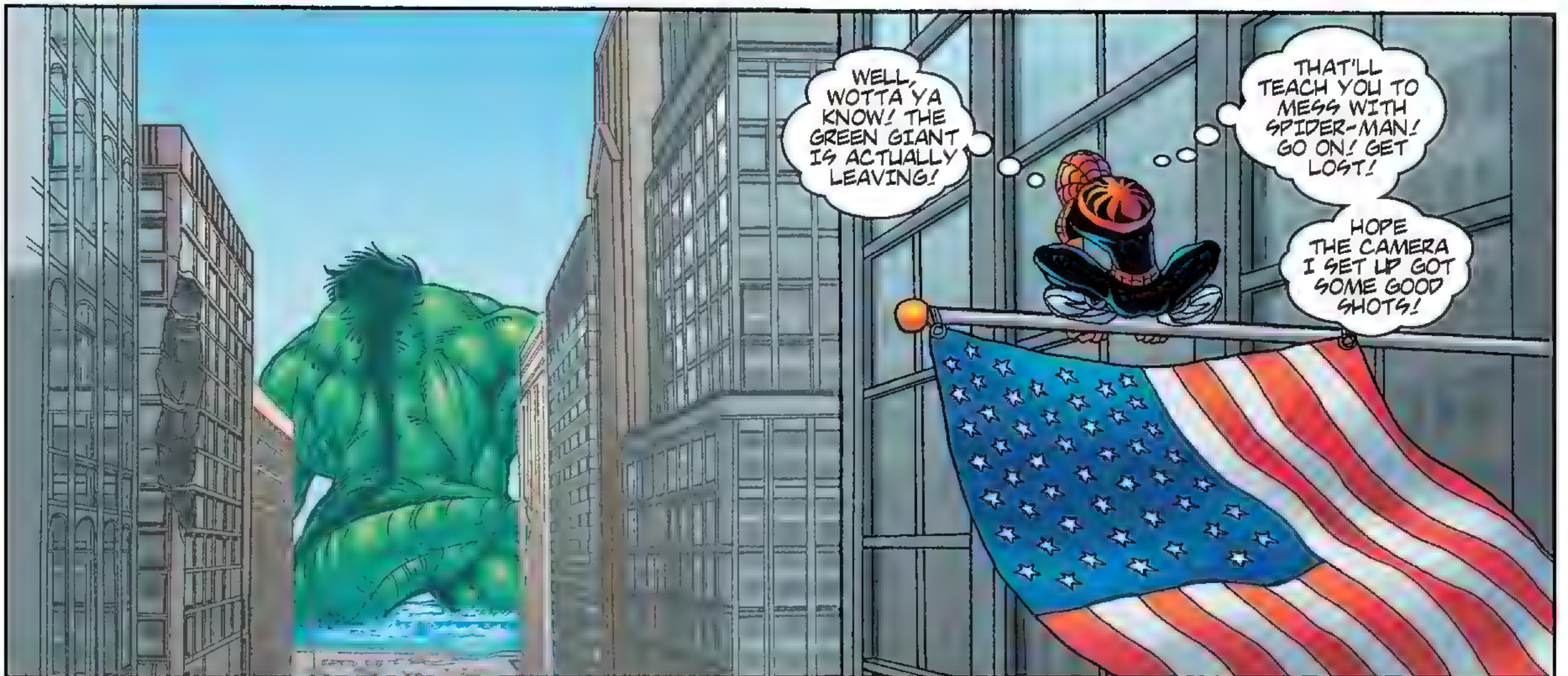
THEN I HAVE NO MORE TIME TO WASTE WITH YOU!

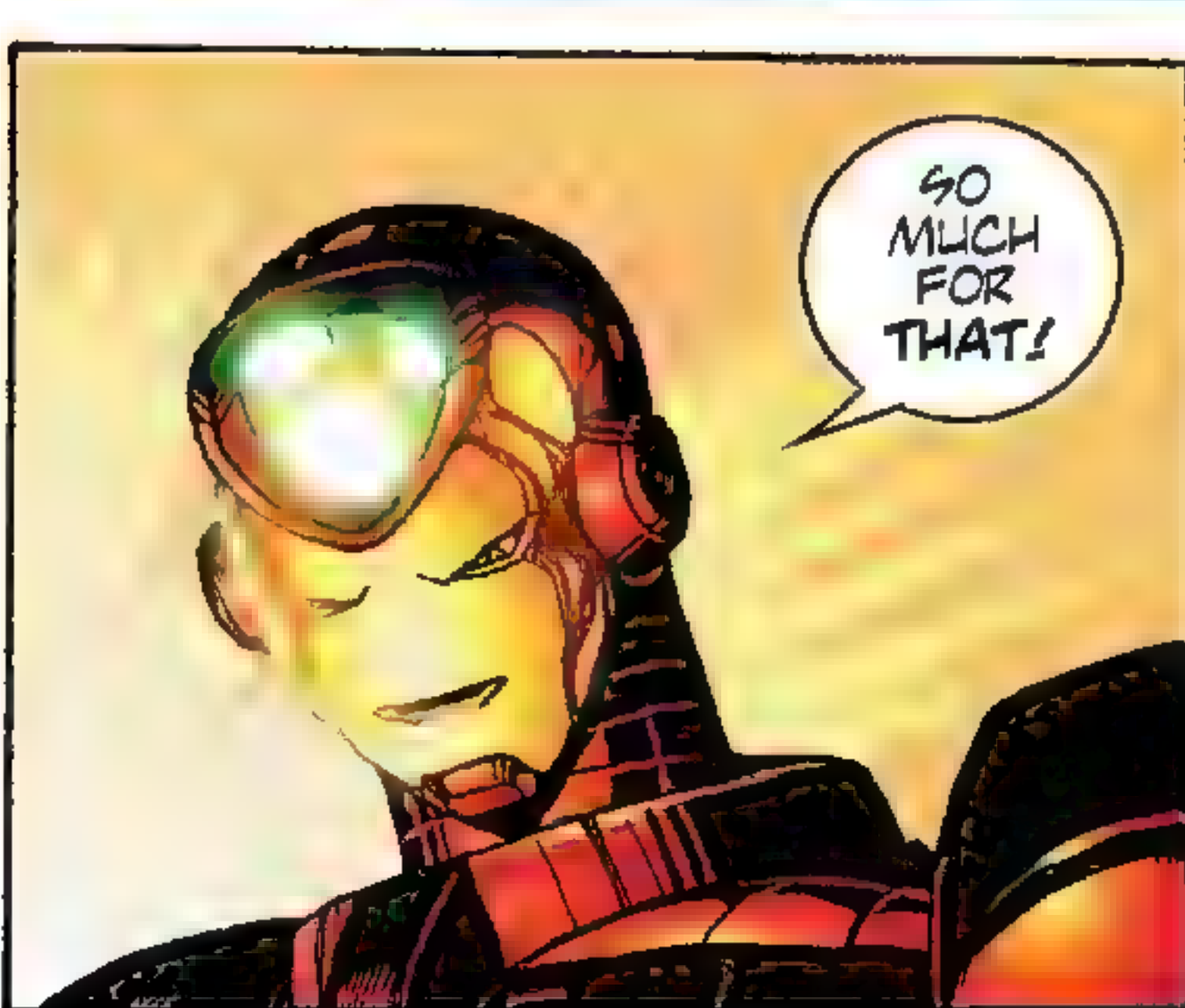
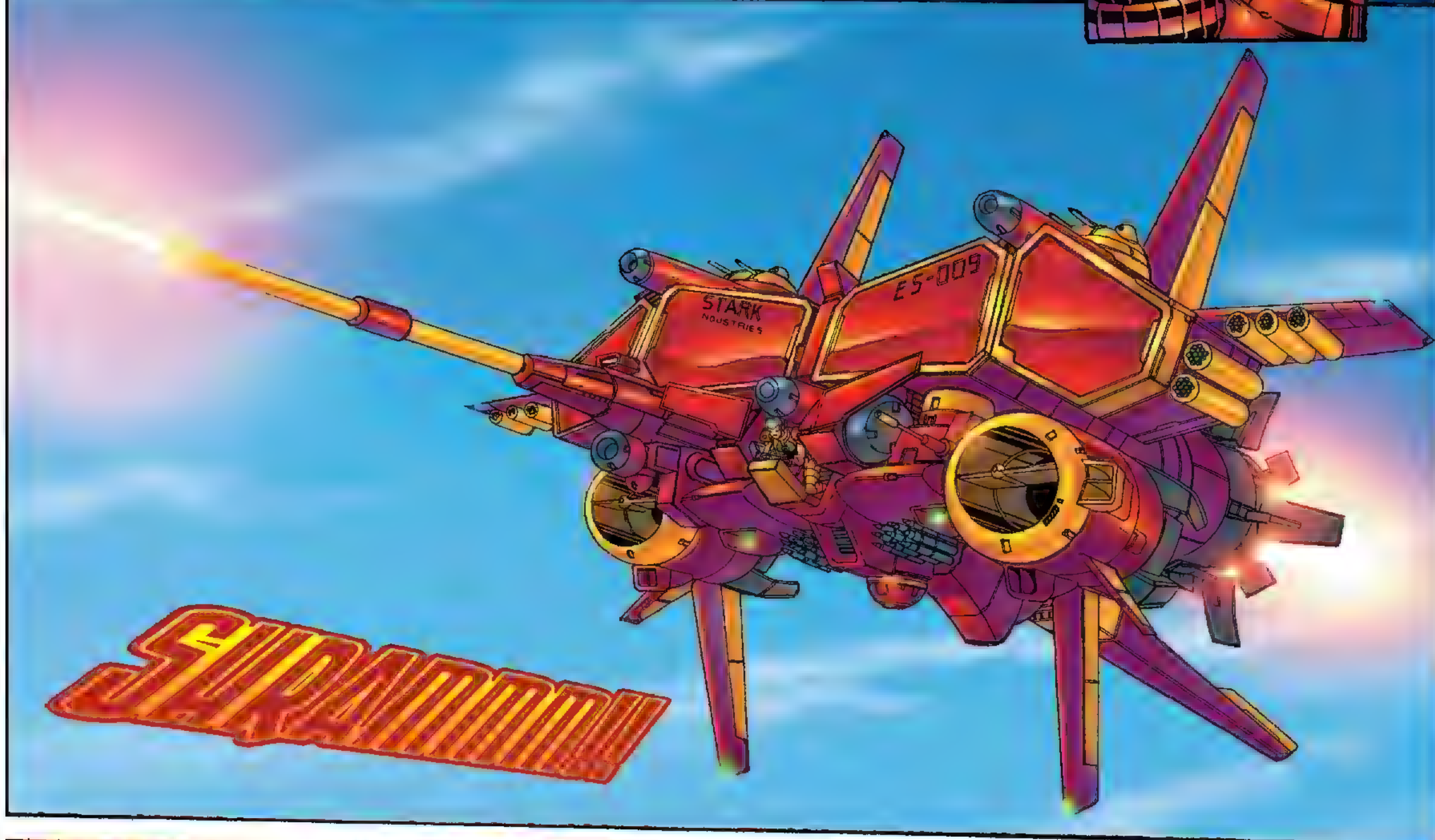
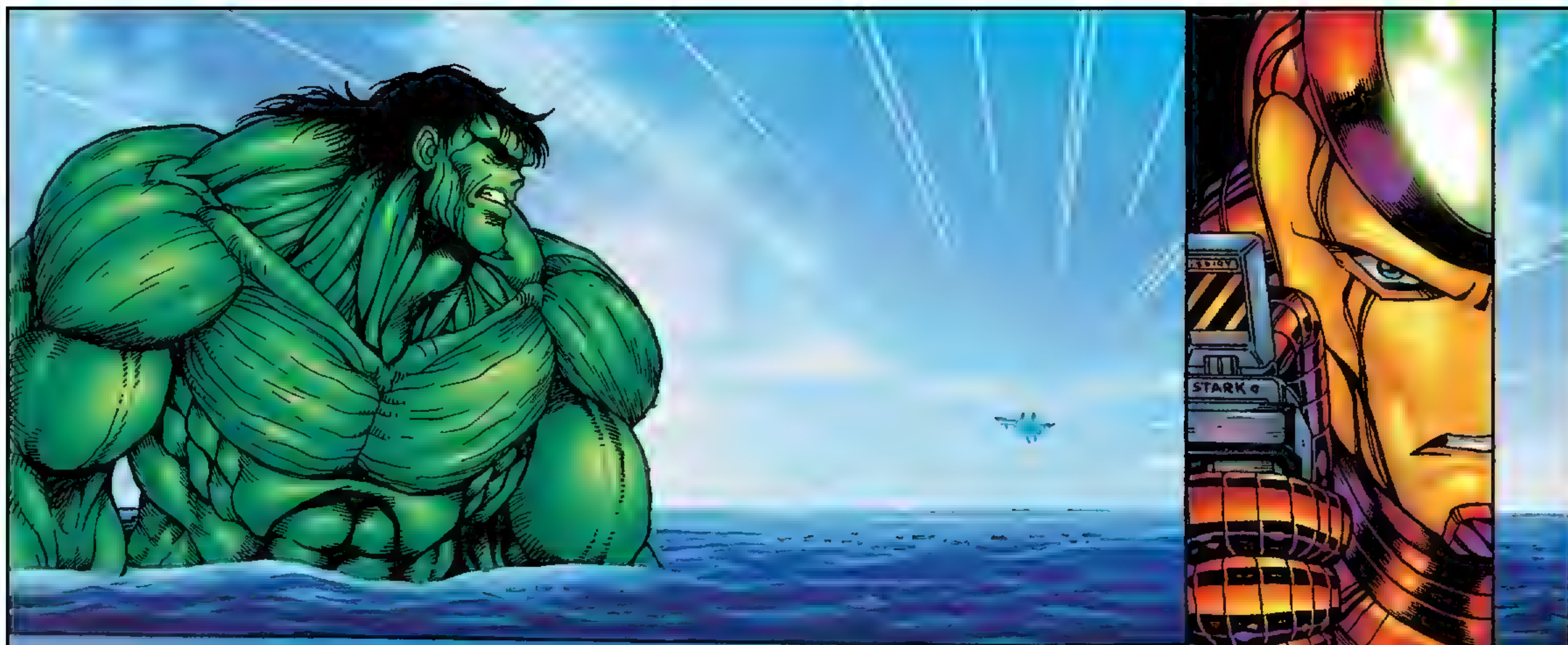
YOU WILL NOT DIE, MORDO!

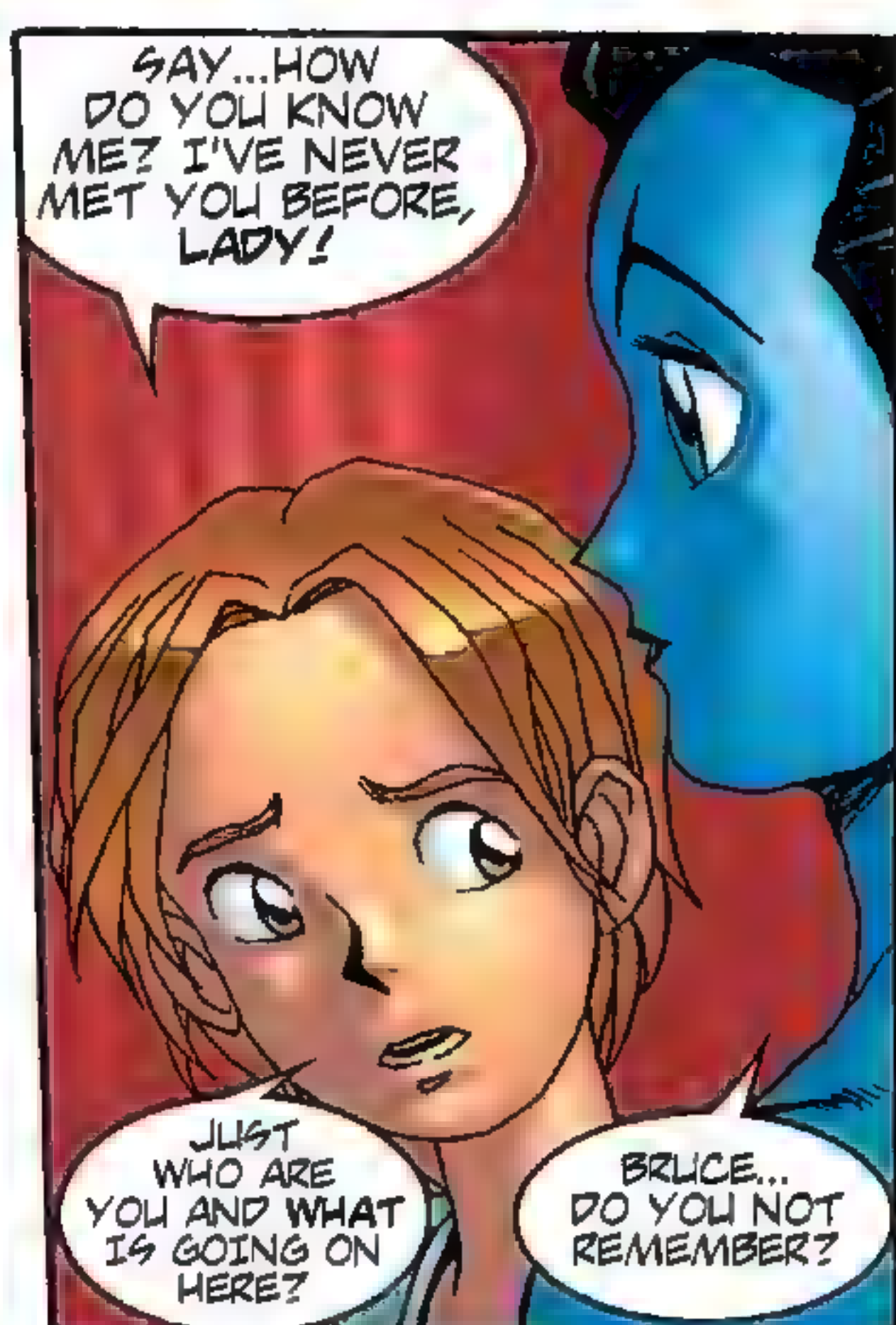
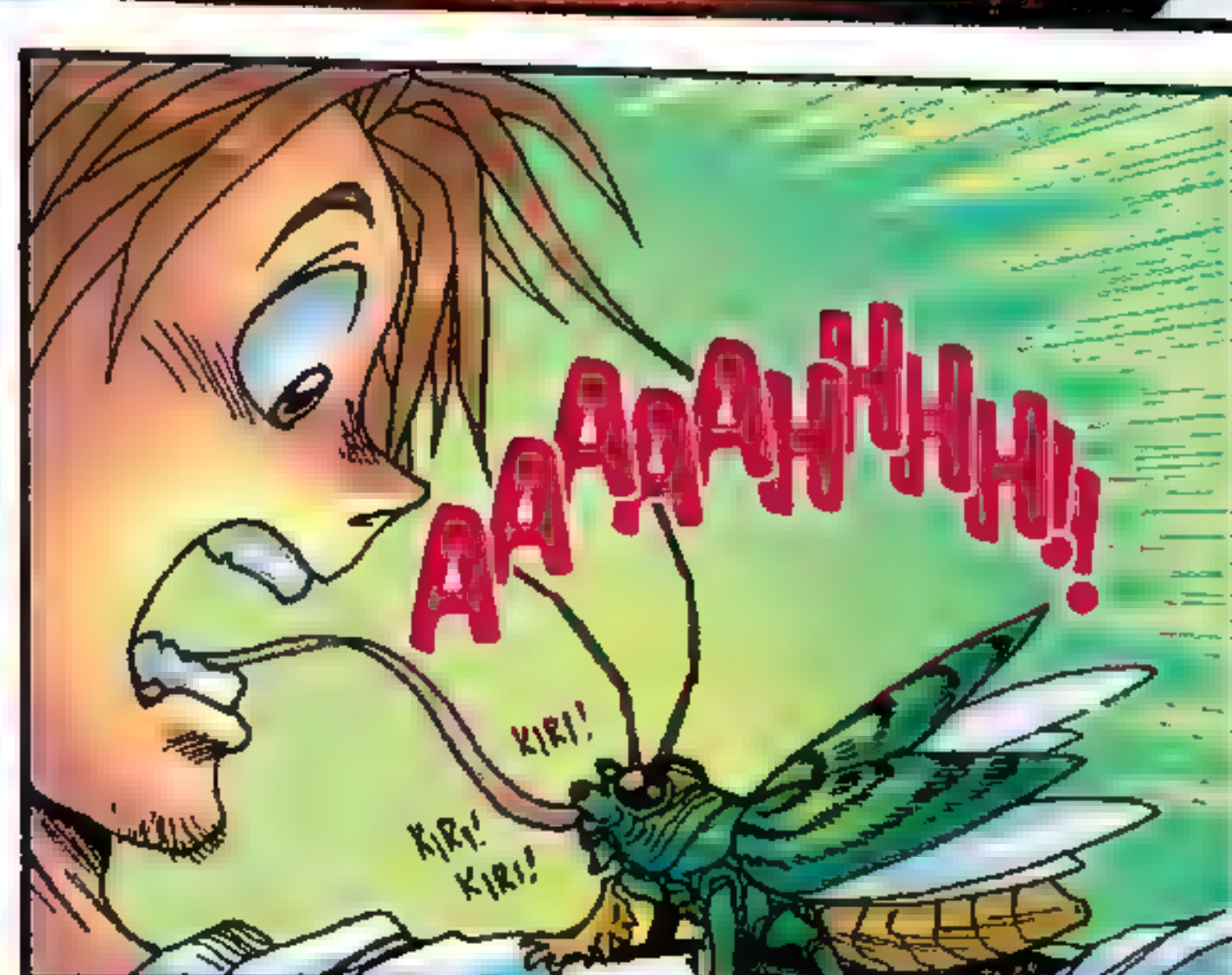
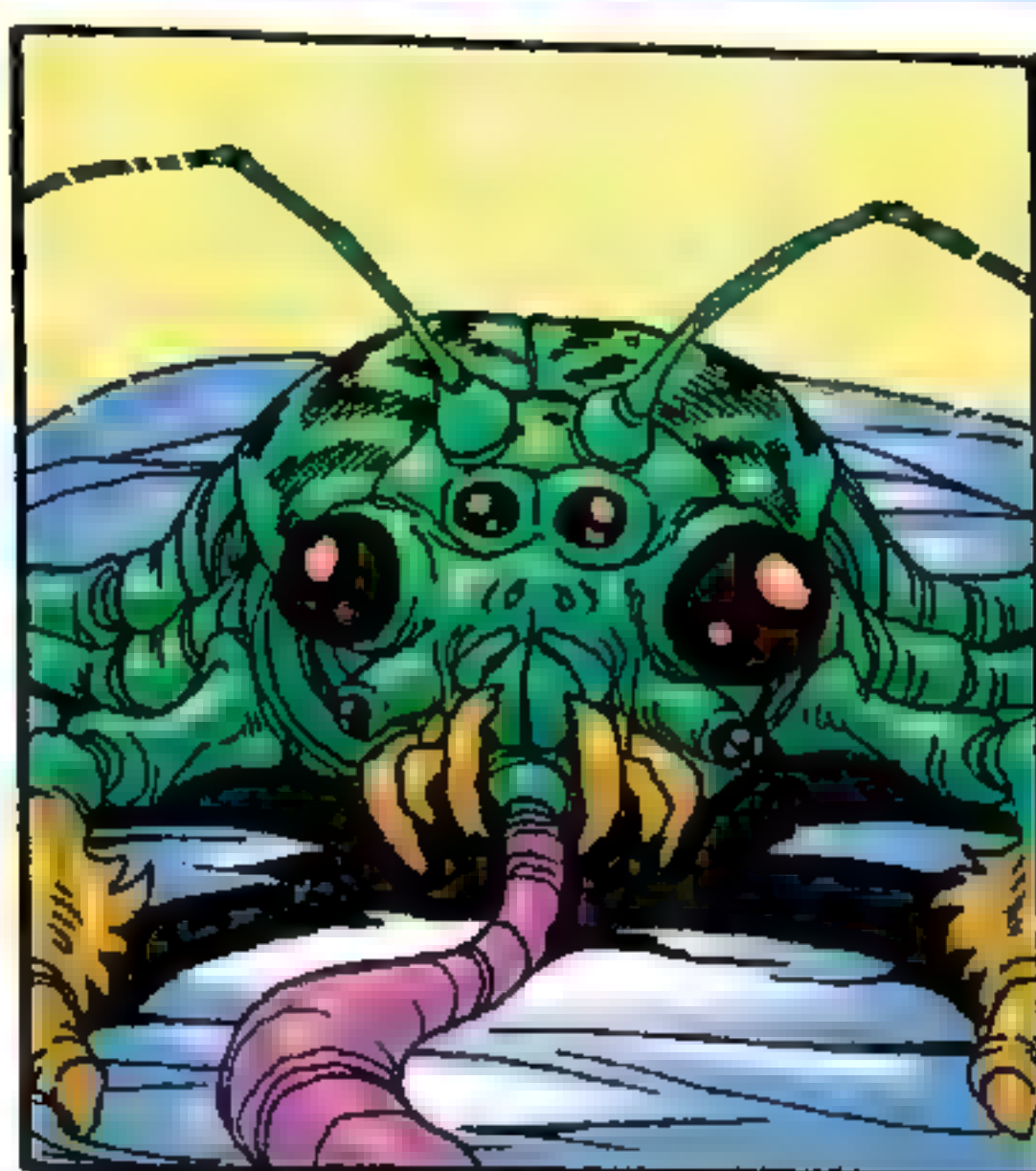
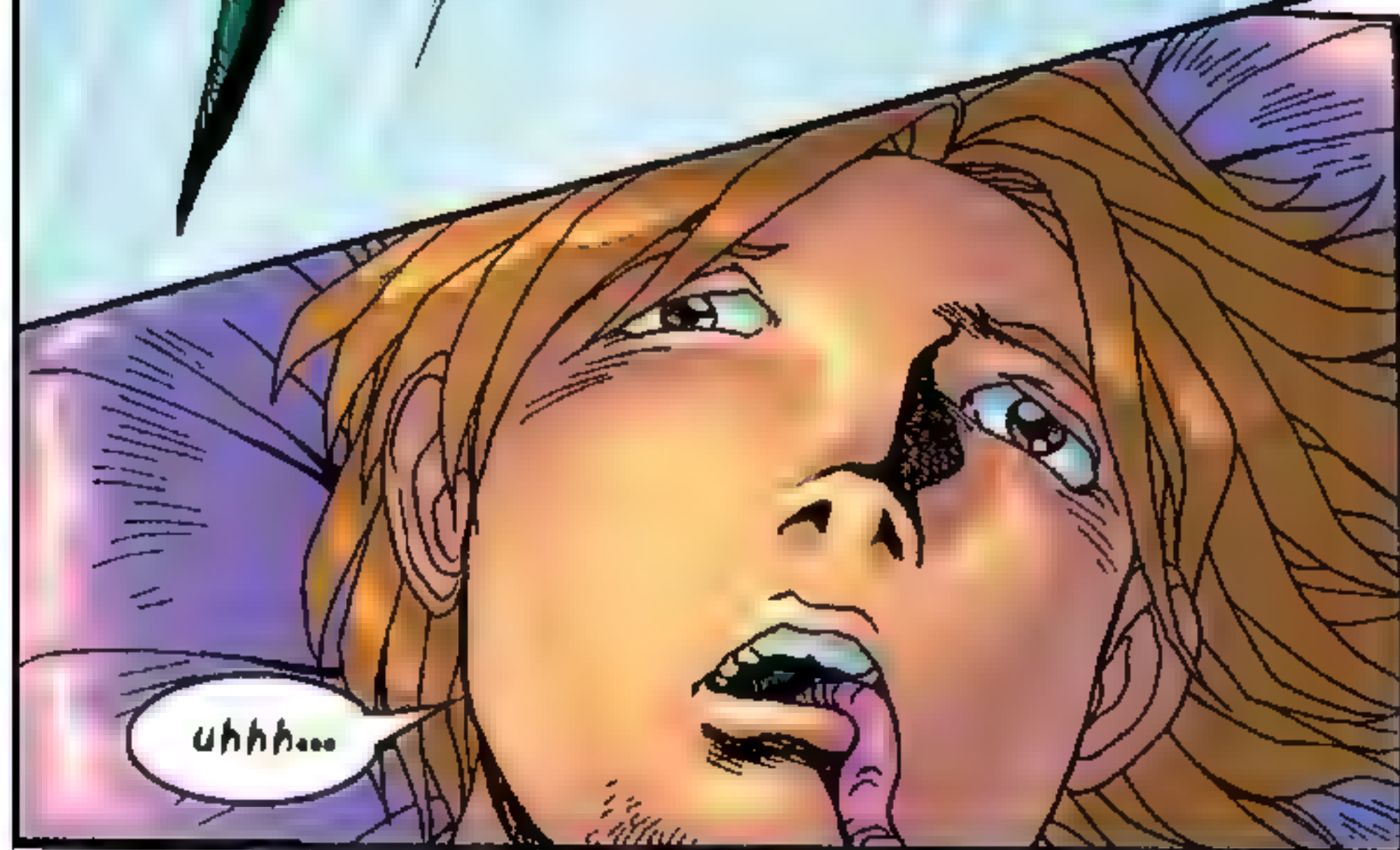
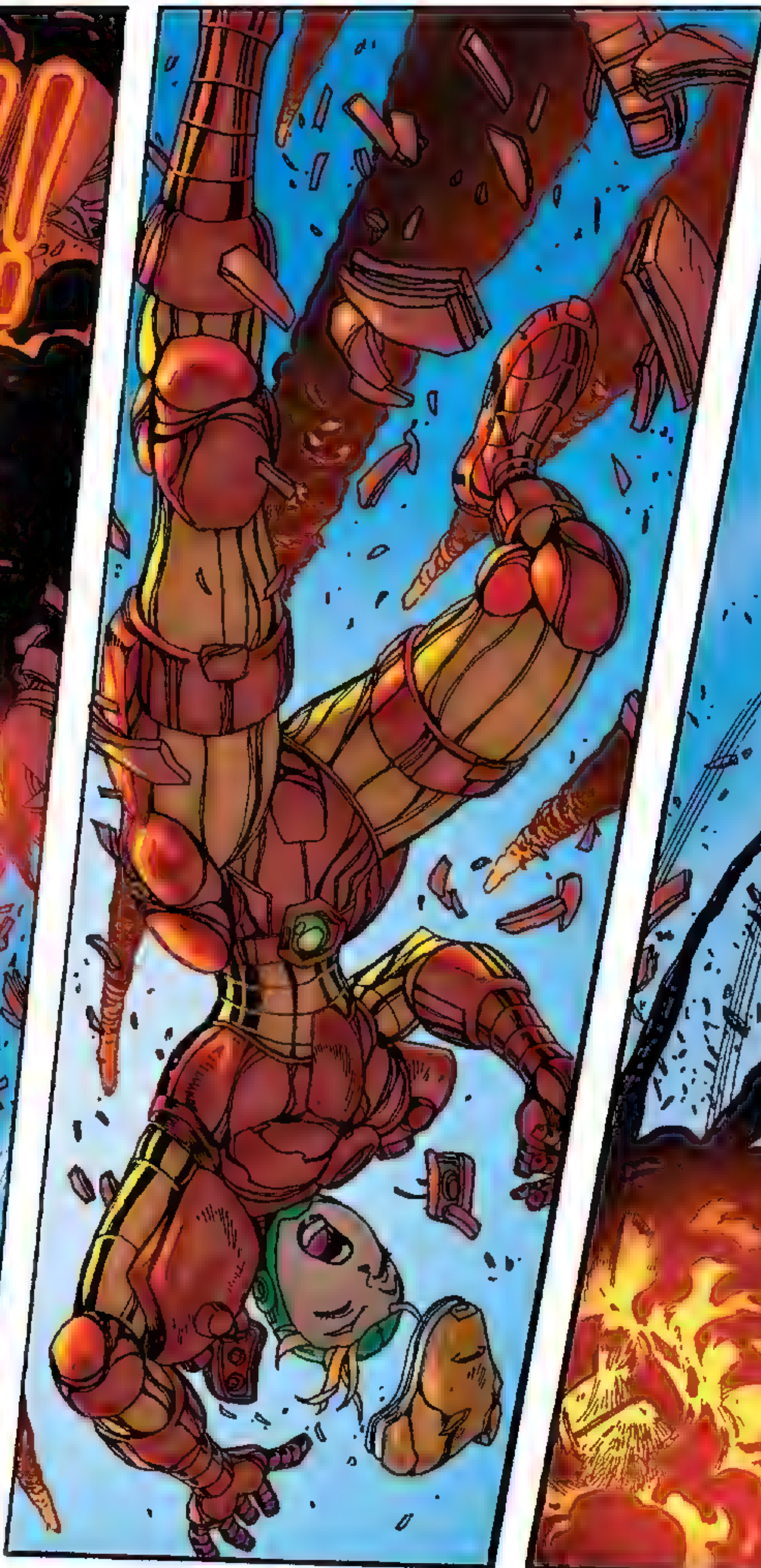
THAT IS FAR TOO GREAT A REWARD!

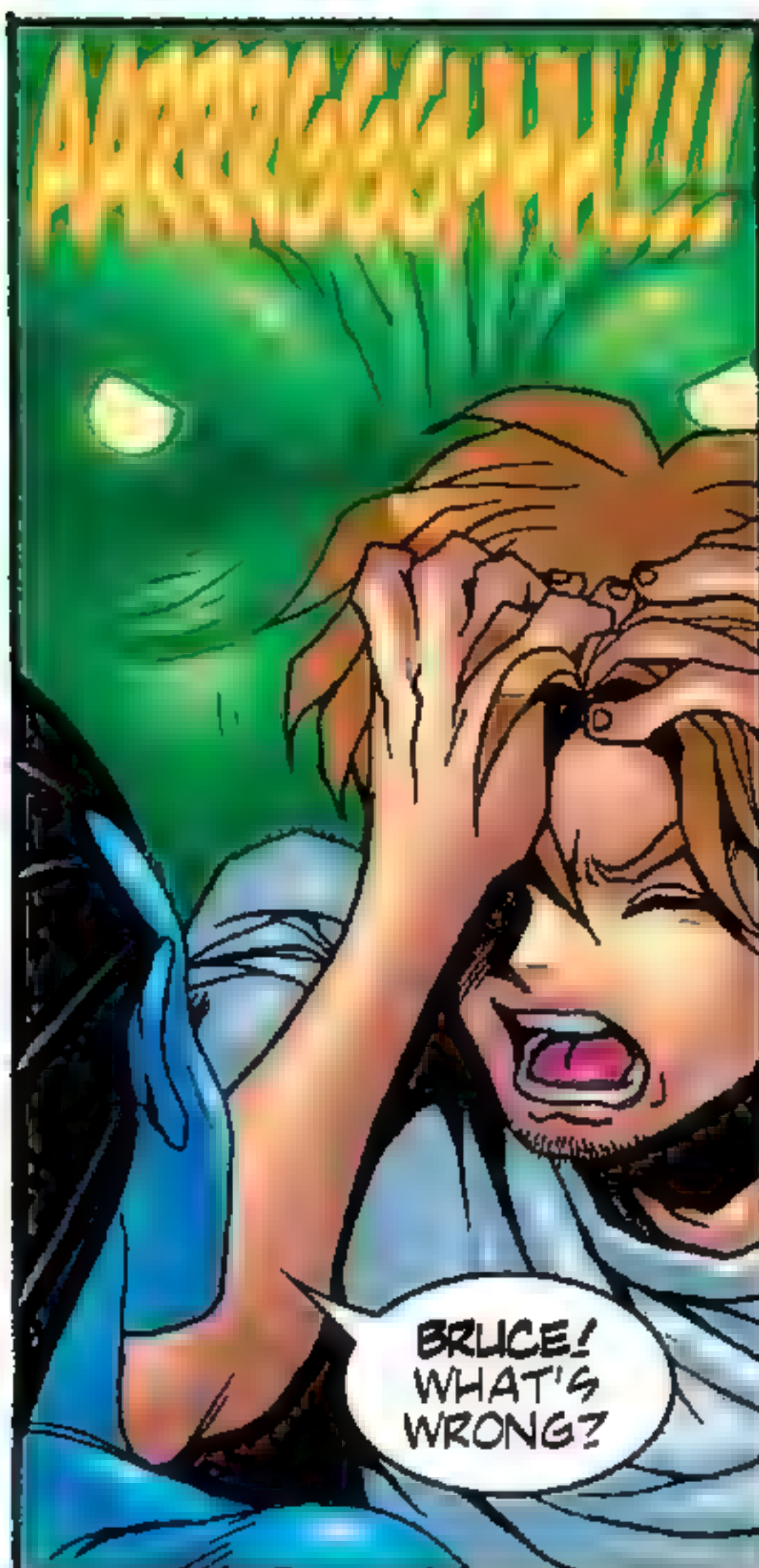
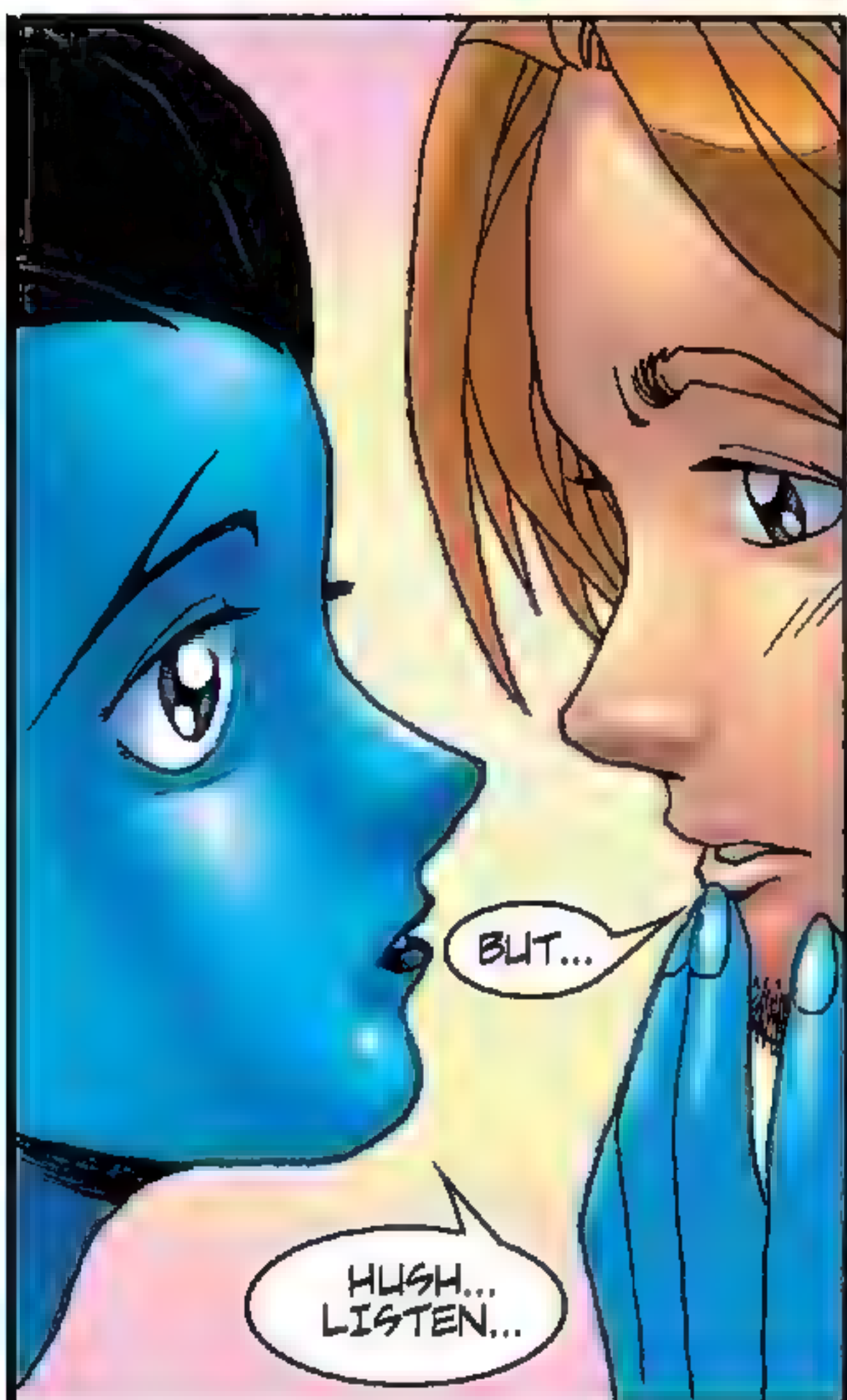
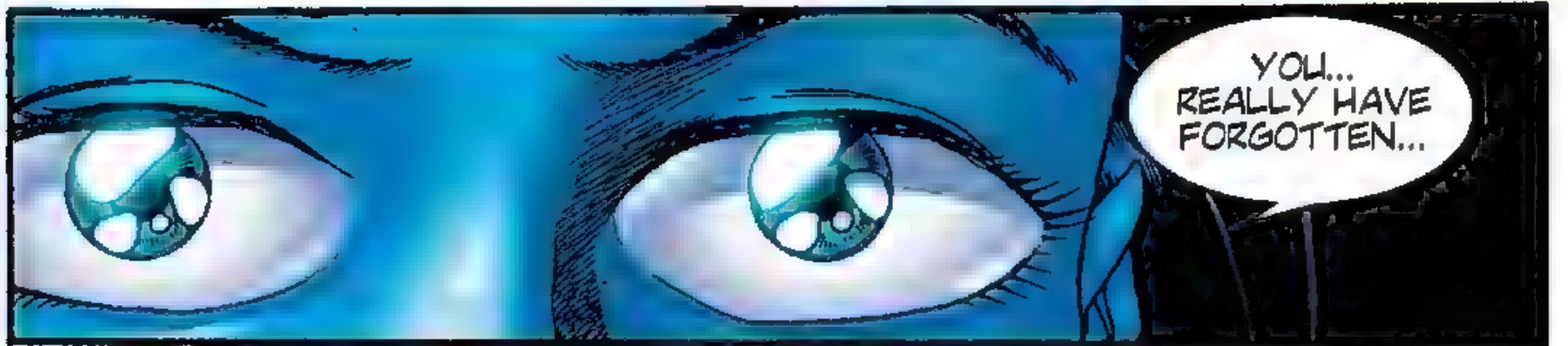
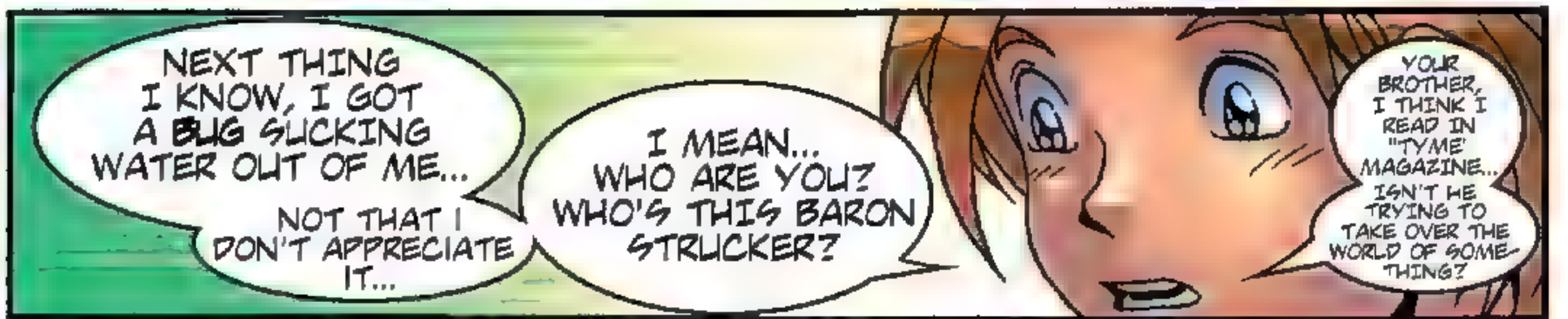
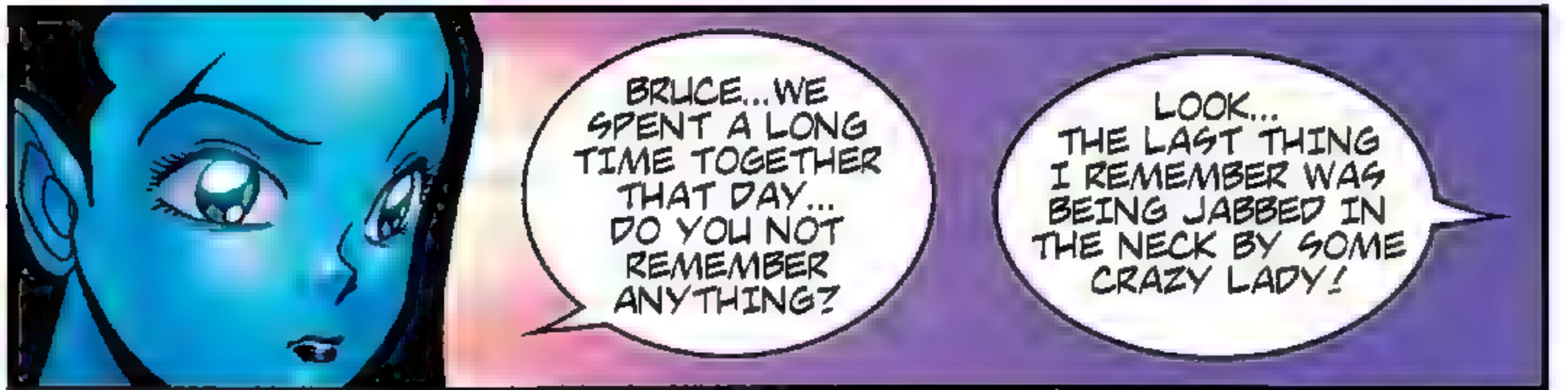
YOUR PUNISHMENT WILL BE THAT YOU DRIFT THROUGH ALL ETERNITY IN THE ETHEREAL PLANE YOU SO ADMIRE!

BY THE ALL-SEEING EYE OF AGAMOTTO I BANISH YOU TO THE NETHER-REALMS!

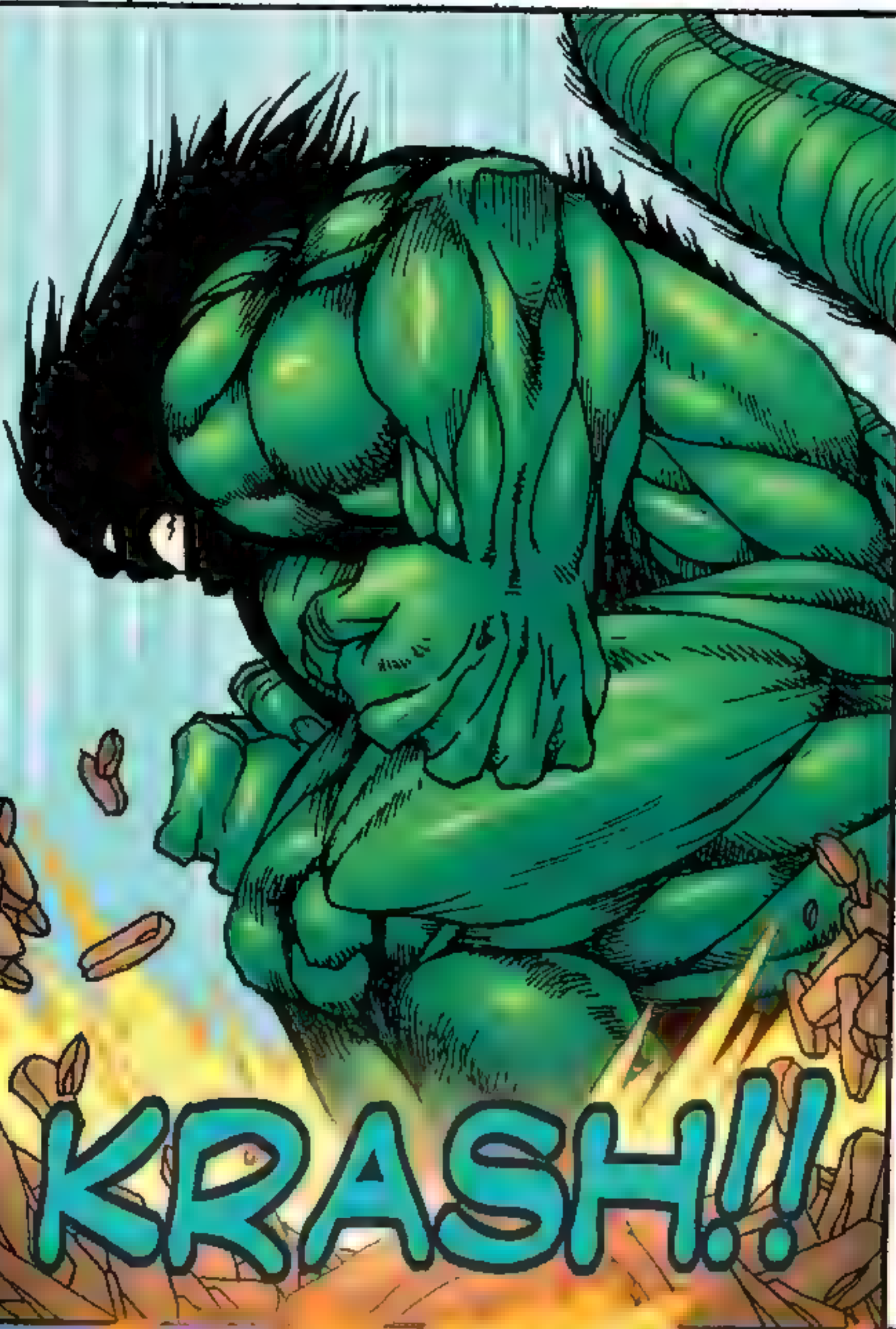
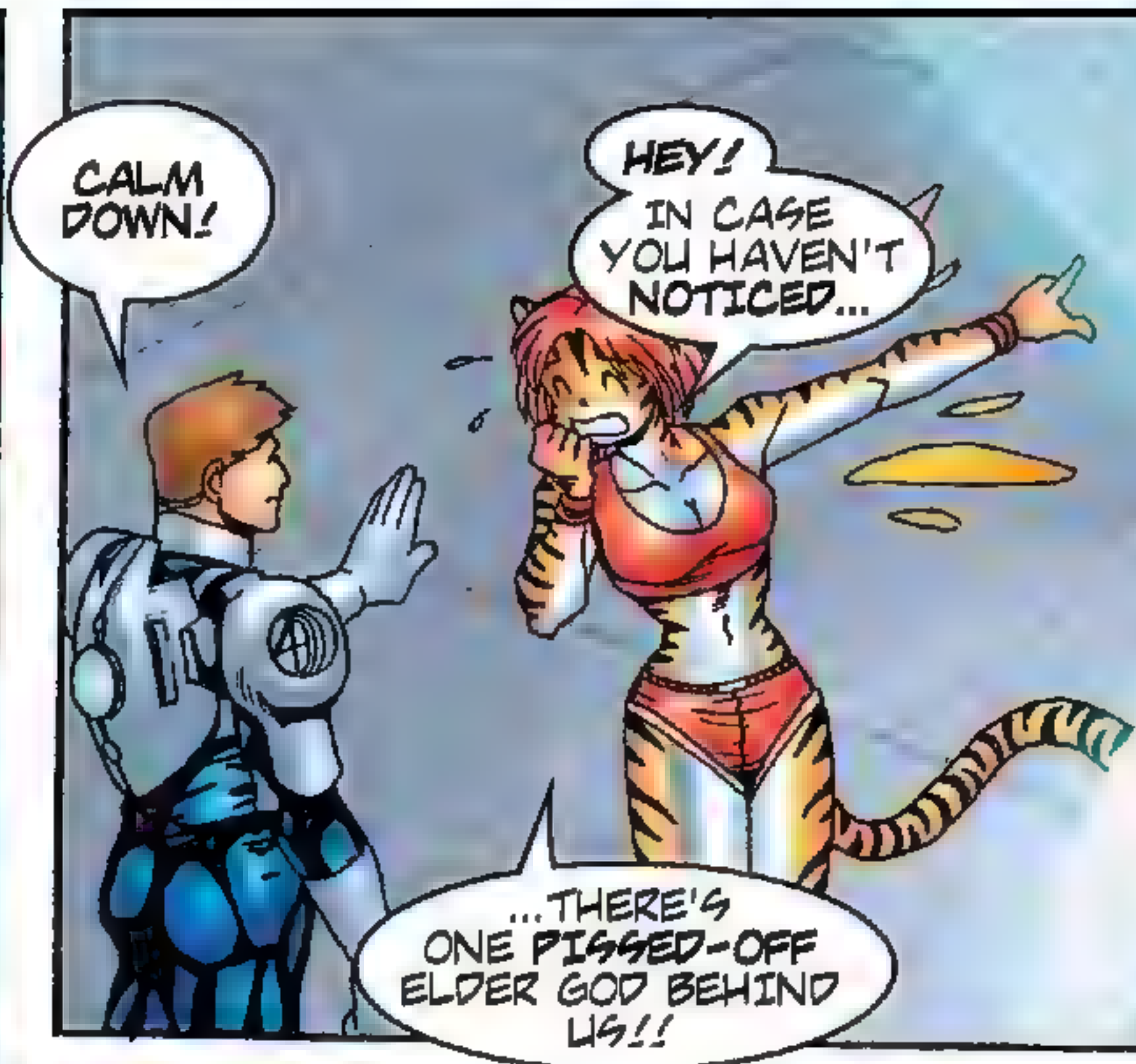




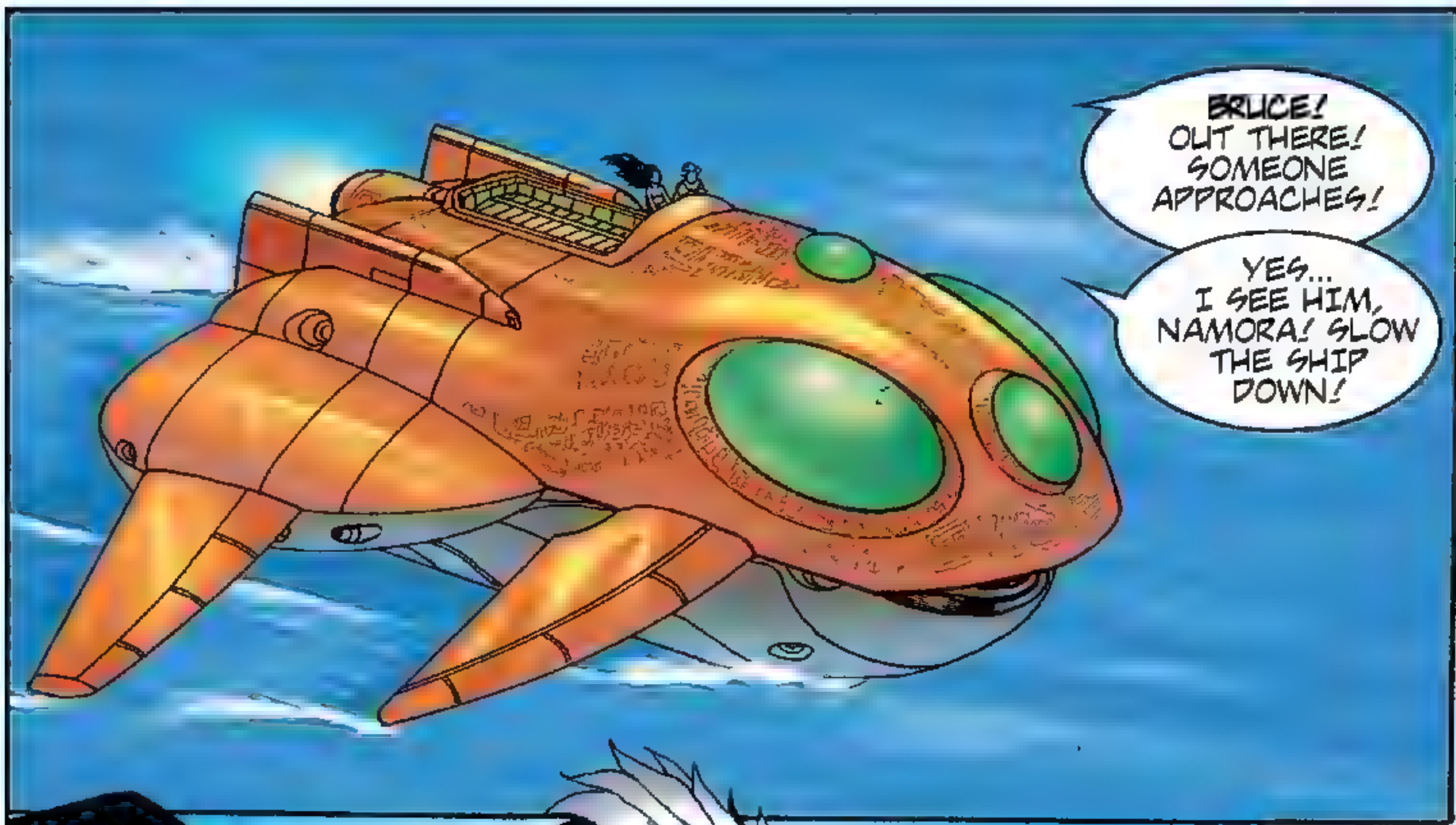












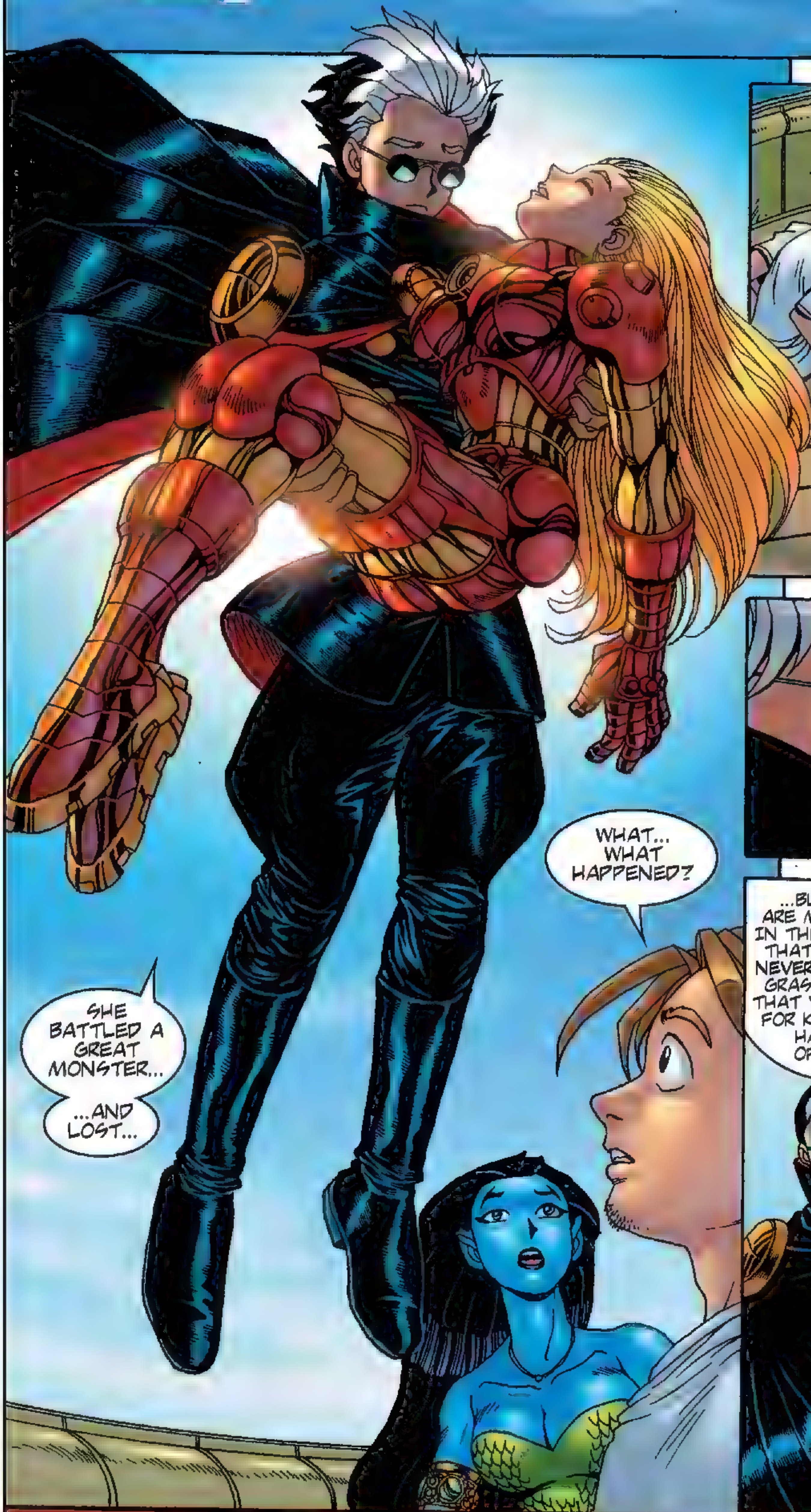
BRUCE!
OUT THERE!
SOMEONE
APPROACHES!

YES...
I SEE HIM,
NAMORA! SLOW
THE SHIP
DOWN!



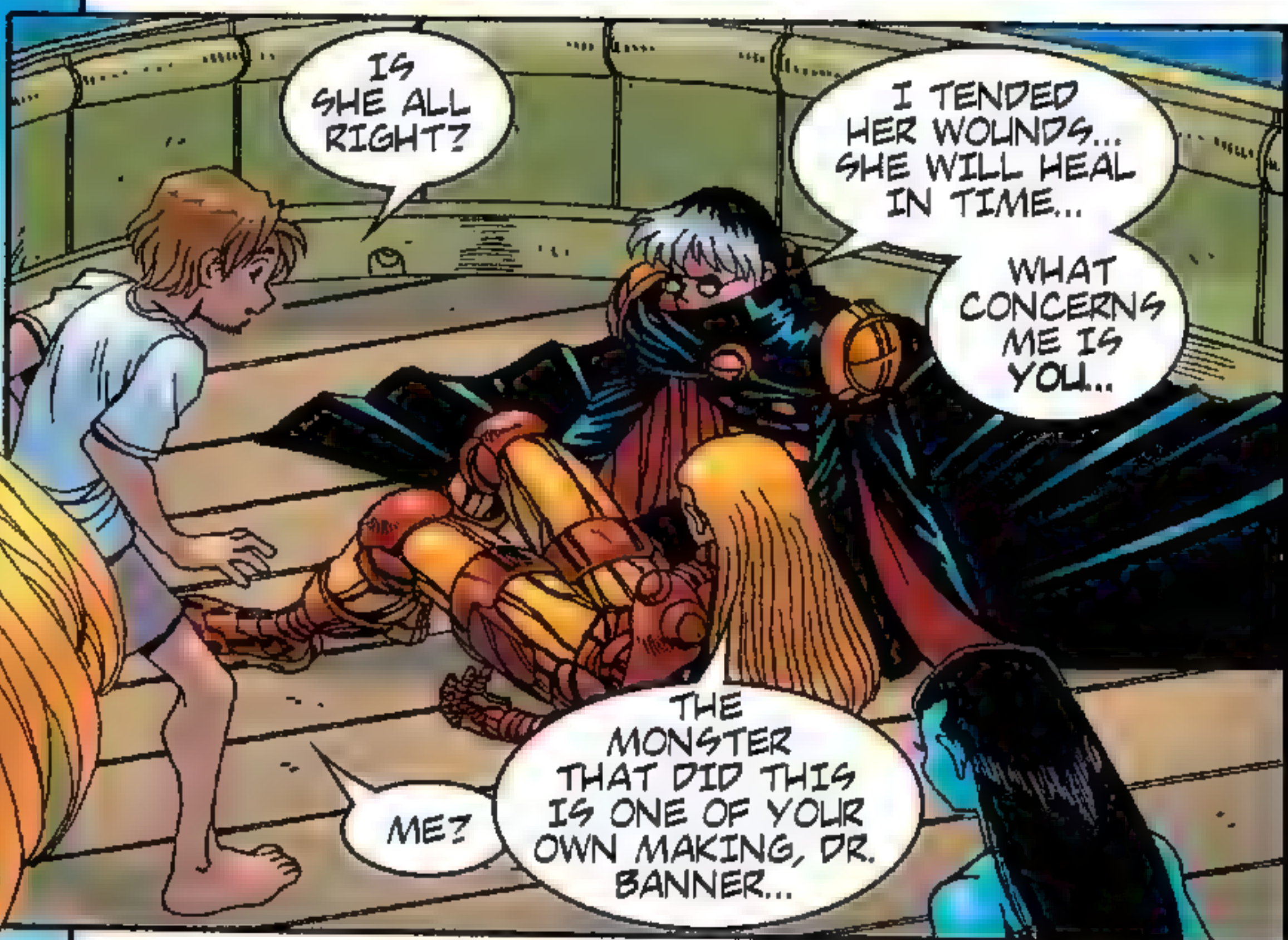
OH, MY
GOD...

GREETINGS,
DR. BANNER...
I AM DR. STEPHEN
STRANGE...



SHE
BATTLED A
GREAT
MONSTER...
...AND
LOST...

WHAT...
WHAT
HAPPENED?



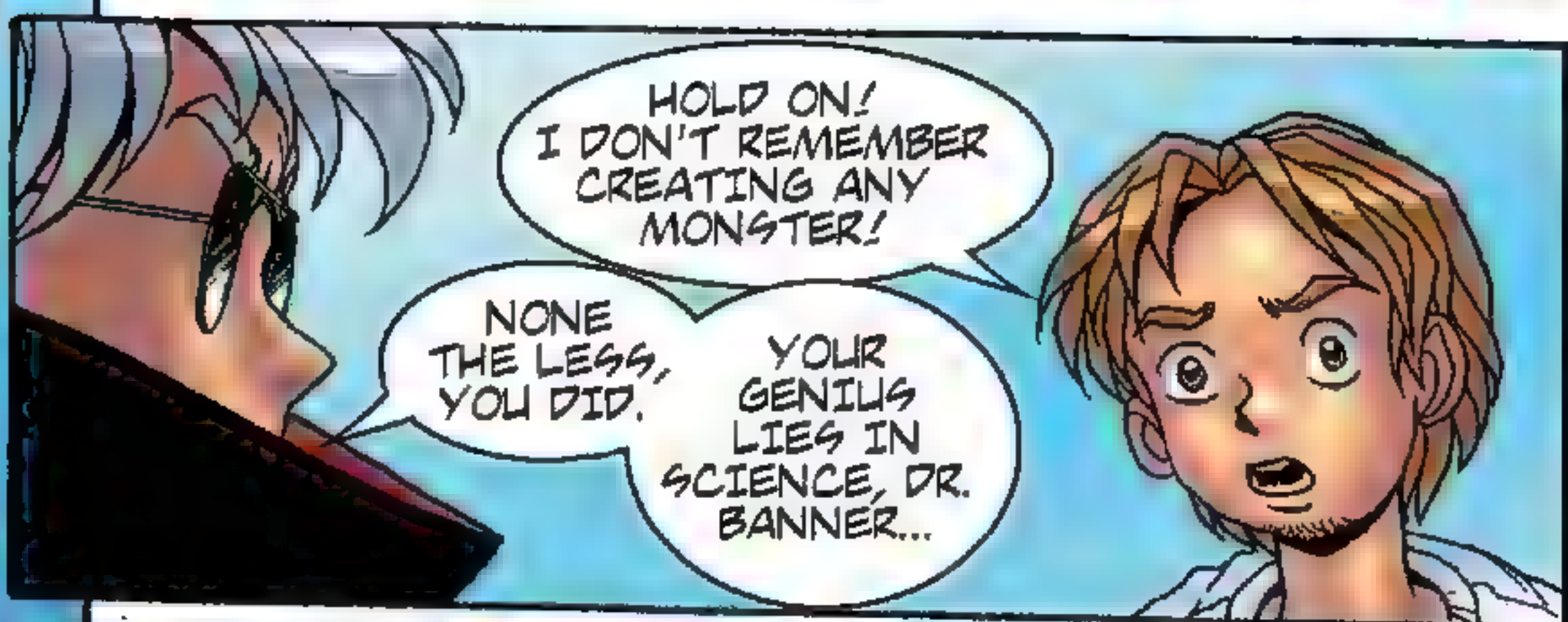
IS
SHE ALL
RIGHT?

I TENDED
HER WOUNDS...
SHE WILL HEAL
IN TIME...

WHAT
CONCERNS
ME IS
YOU...

ME?

THE
MONSTER
THAT DID THIS
IS ONE OF YOUR
OWN MAKING, DR.
BANNER...



HOLD ON!
I DON'T REMEMBER
CREATING ANY
MONSTER!

NONE
THE LESS,
YOU DID.

YOUR
GENIUS
LIES IN
SCIENCE, DR.
BANNER...



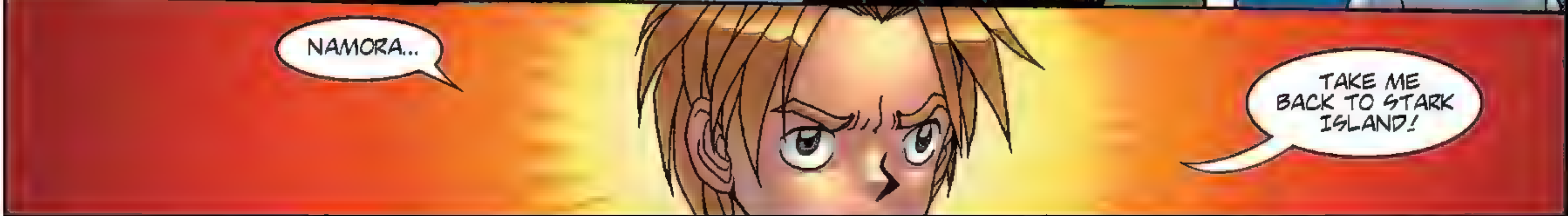
...BUT THERE
ARE MYSTERIES
IN THE UNIVERSE
THAT MAN WAS
NEVER MEANT TO
GRASP! FORCES
THAT YOUR QUEST
FOR KNOWLEDGE
HAS NOW OPENED...

I KNOW
AS A MAN
OF SCIENCE
YOU DEAL
ONLY IN HARD
INDISPUTABLE
FACTS...



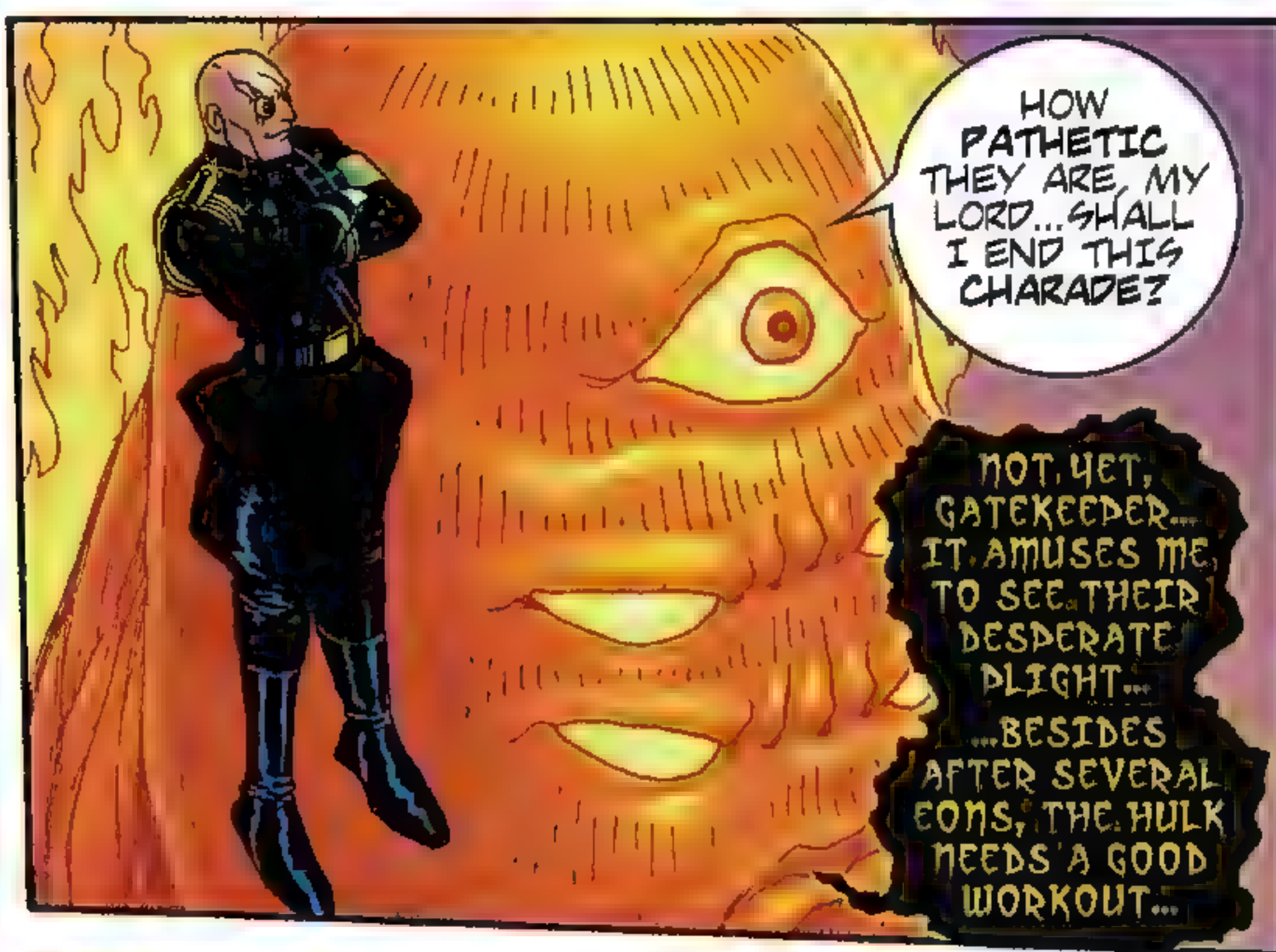
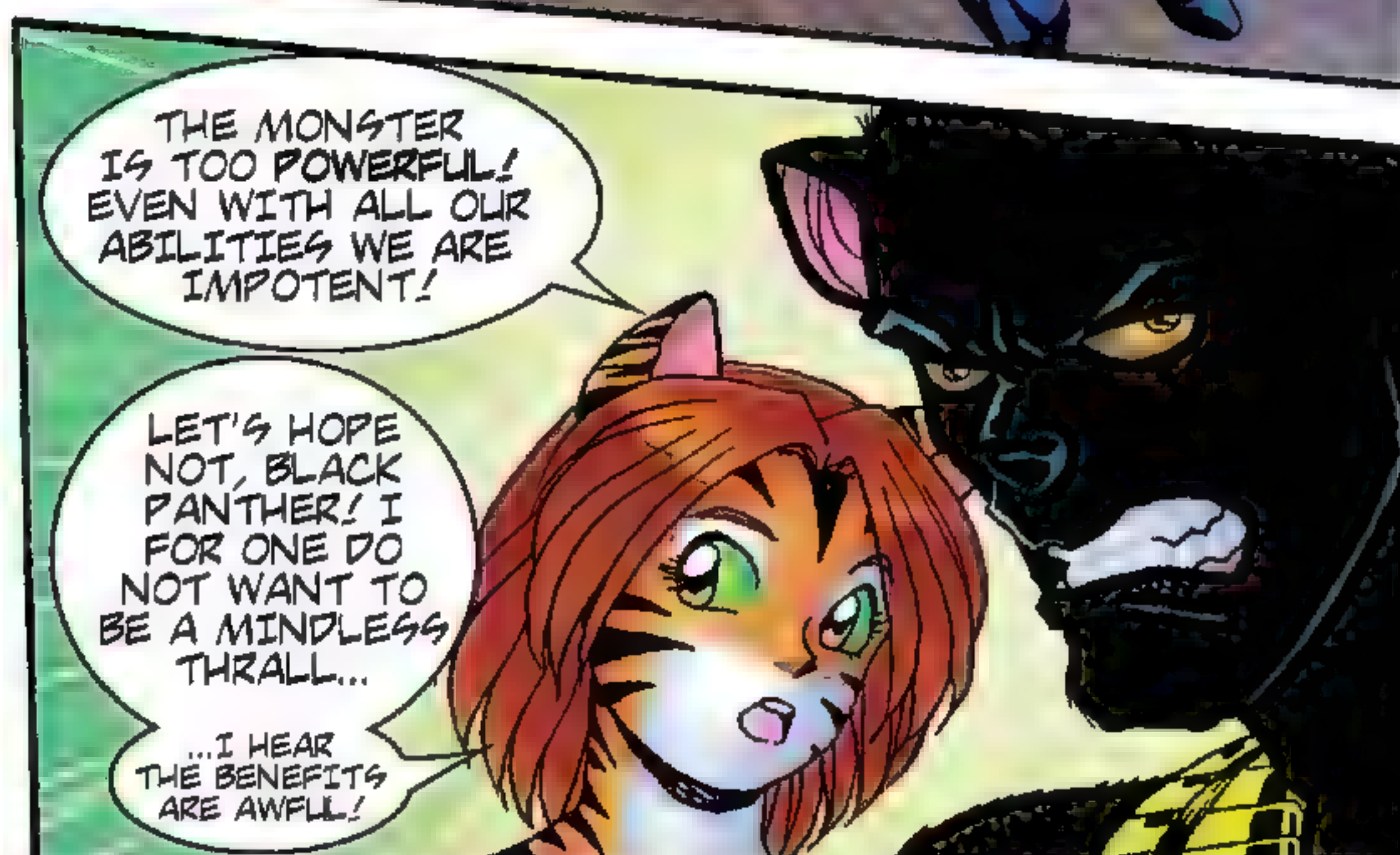
BUT THERE
WILL BE A TIME
WHERE FACTS AND
FIGURES WILL
FAIL YOU...

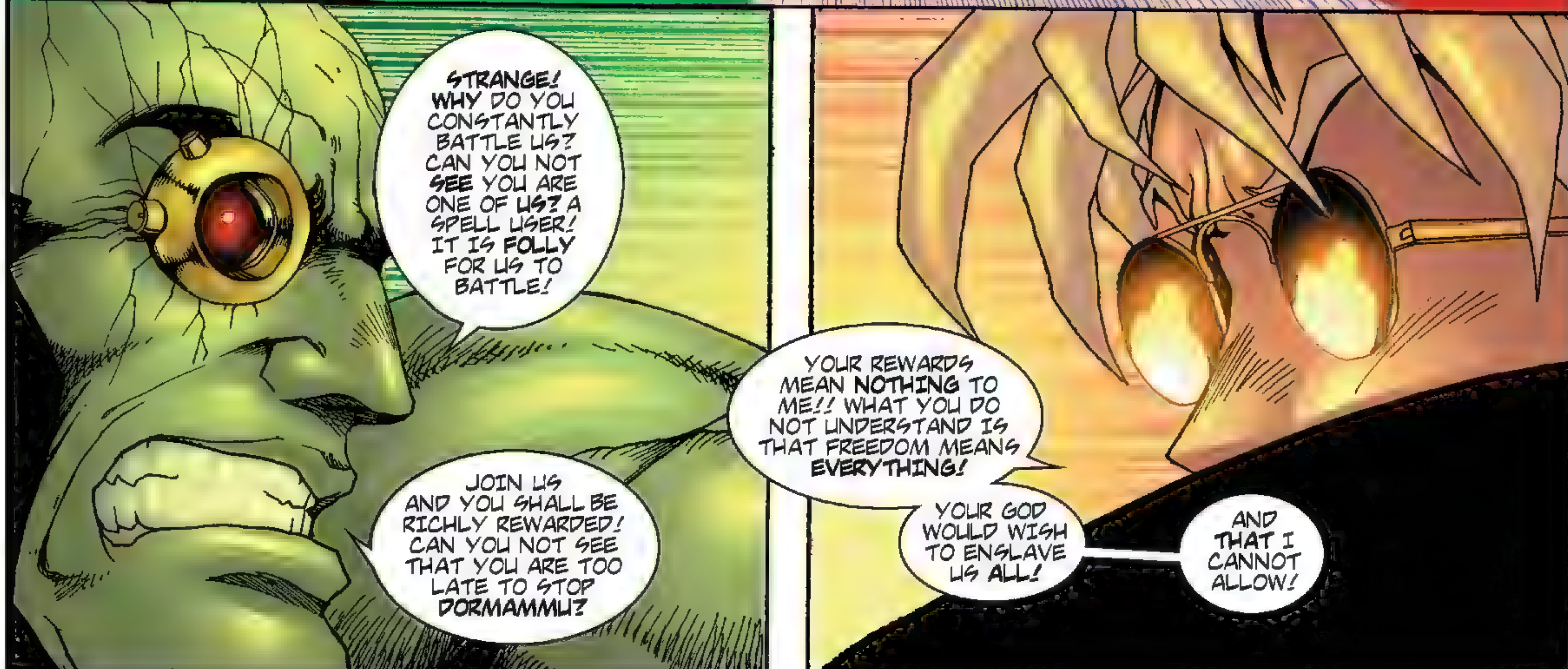
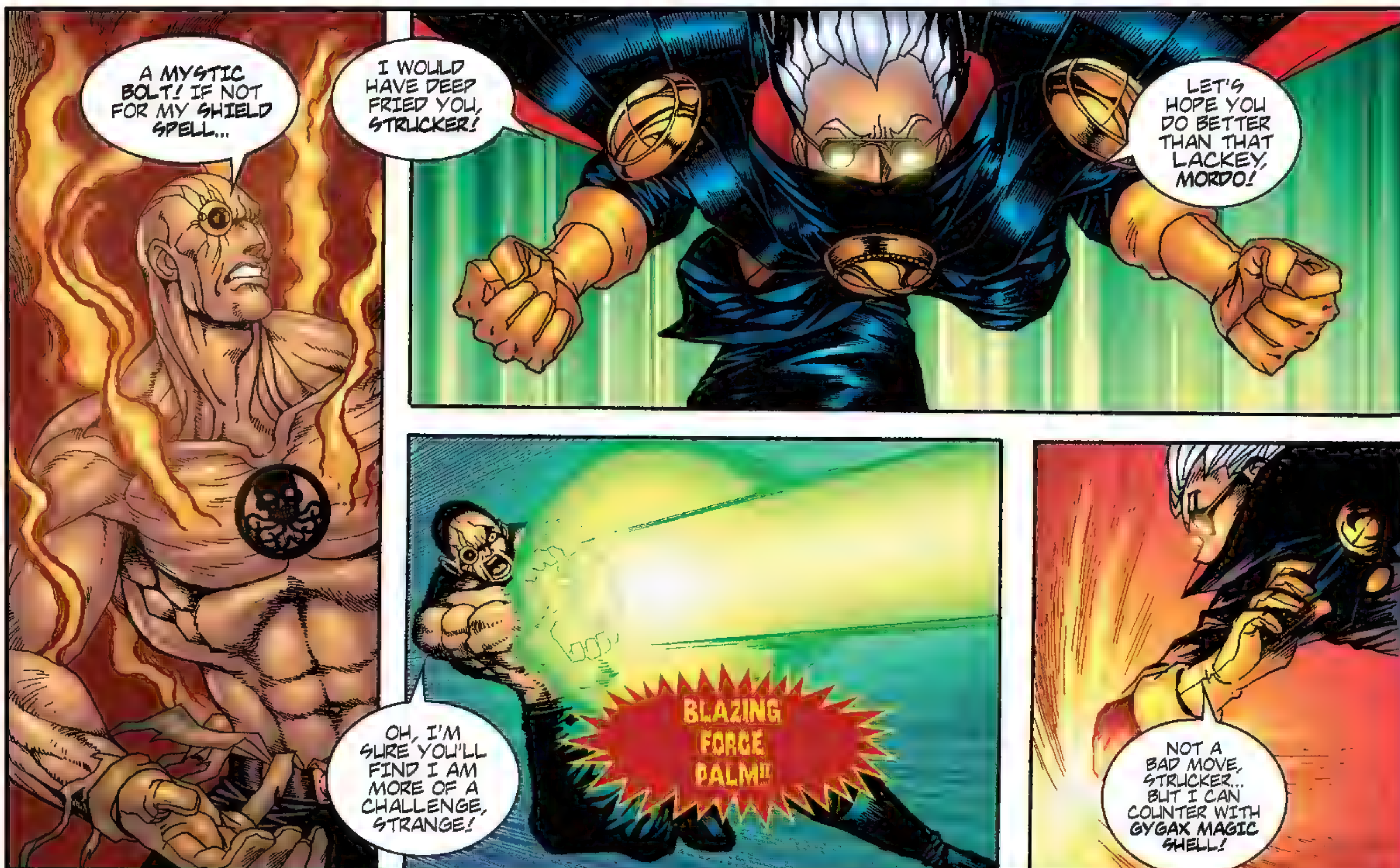
...AND ALL
YOU WILL BE
LEFT WITH...
IS FAITH.

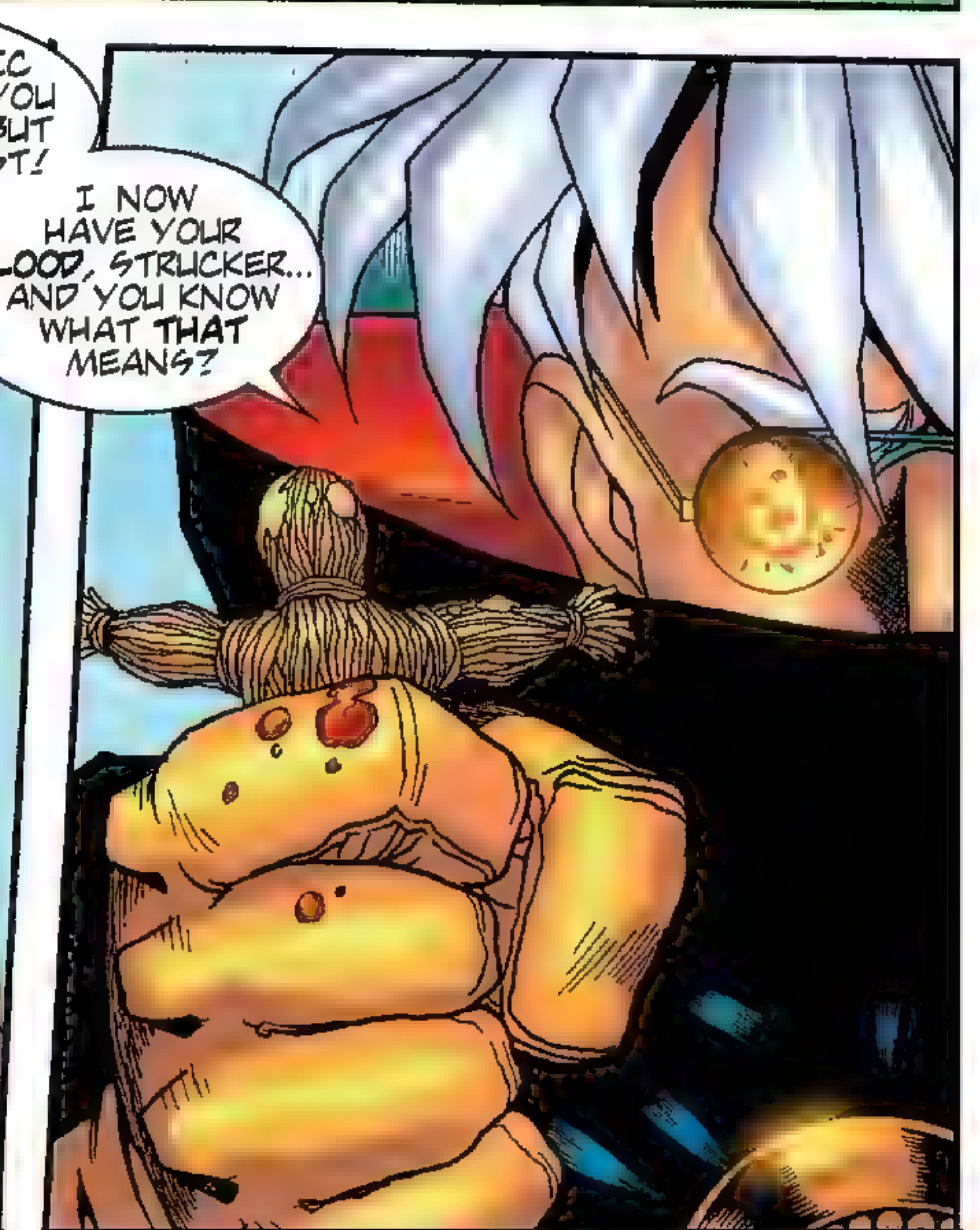
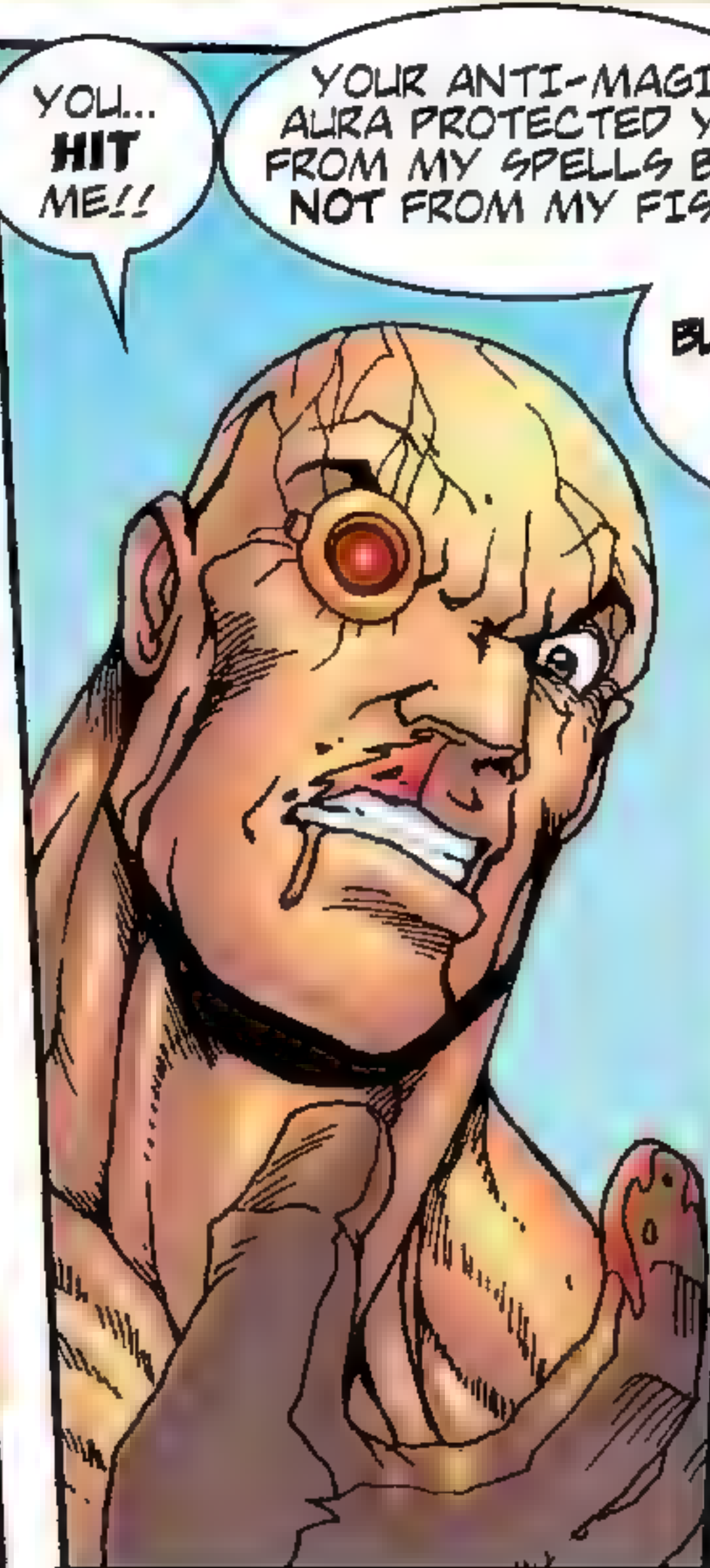
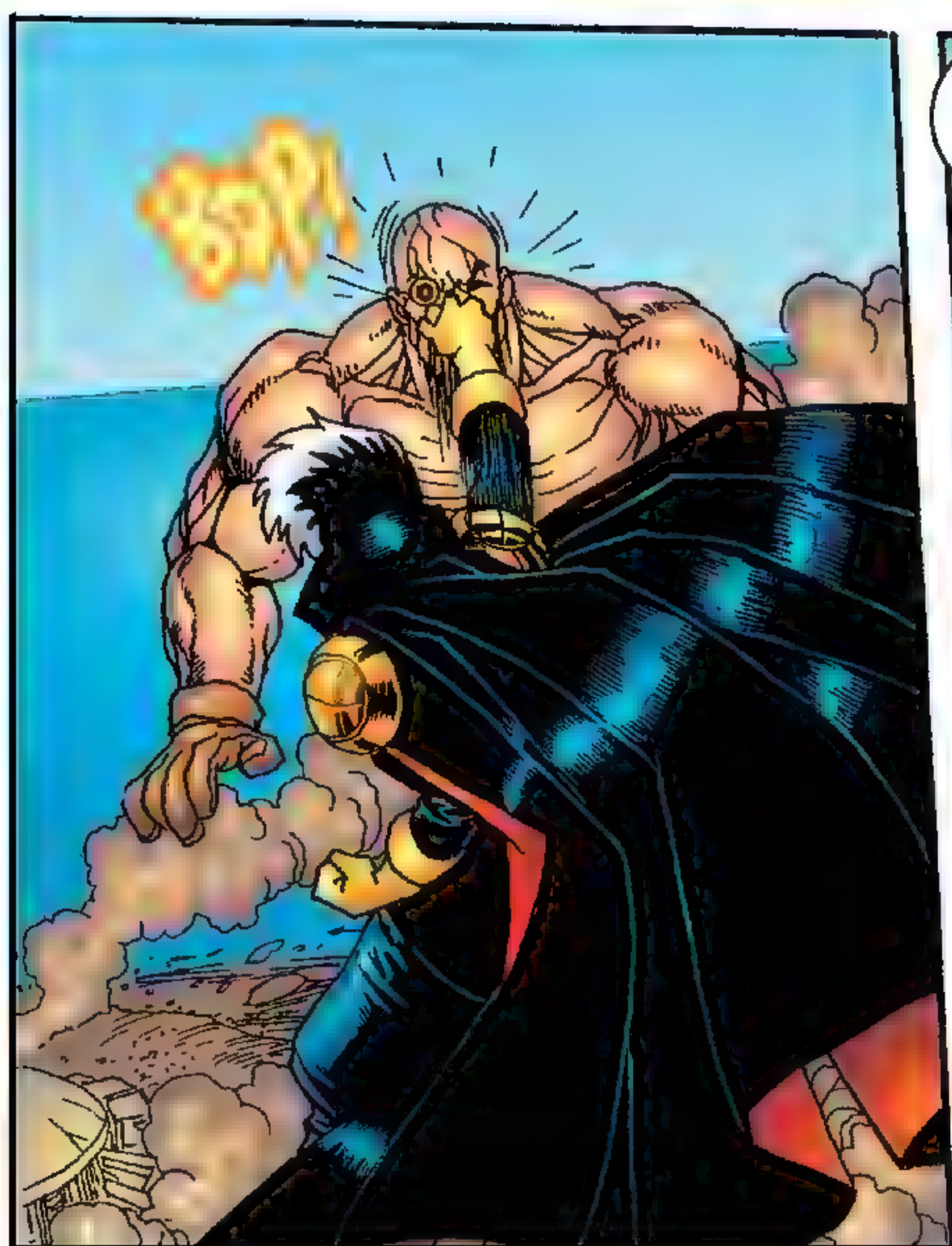
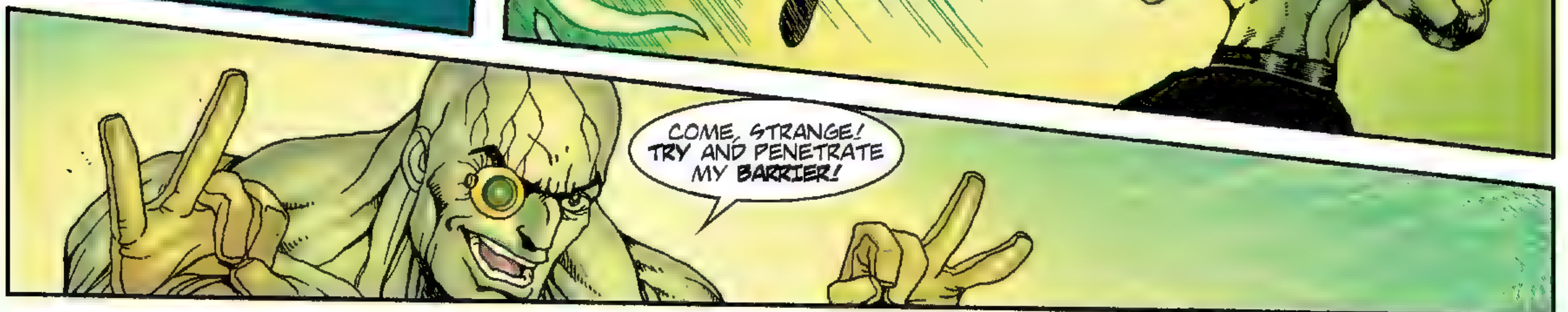
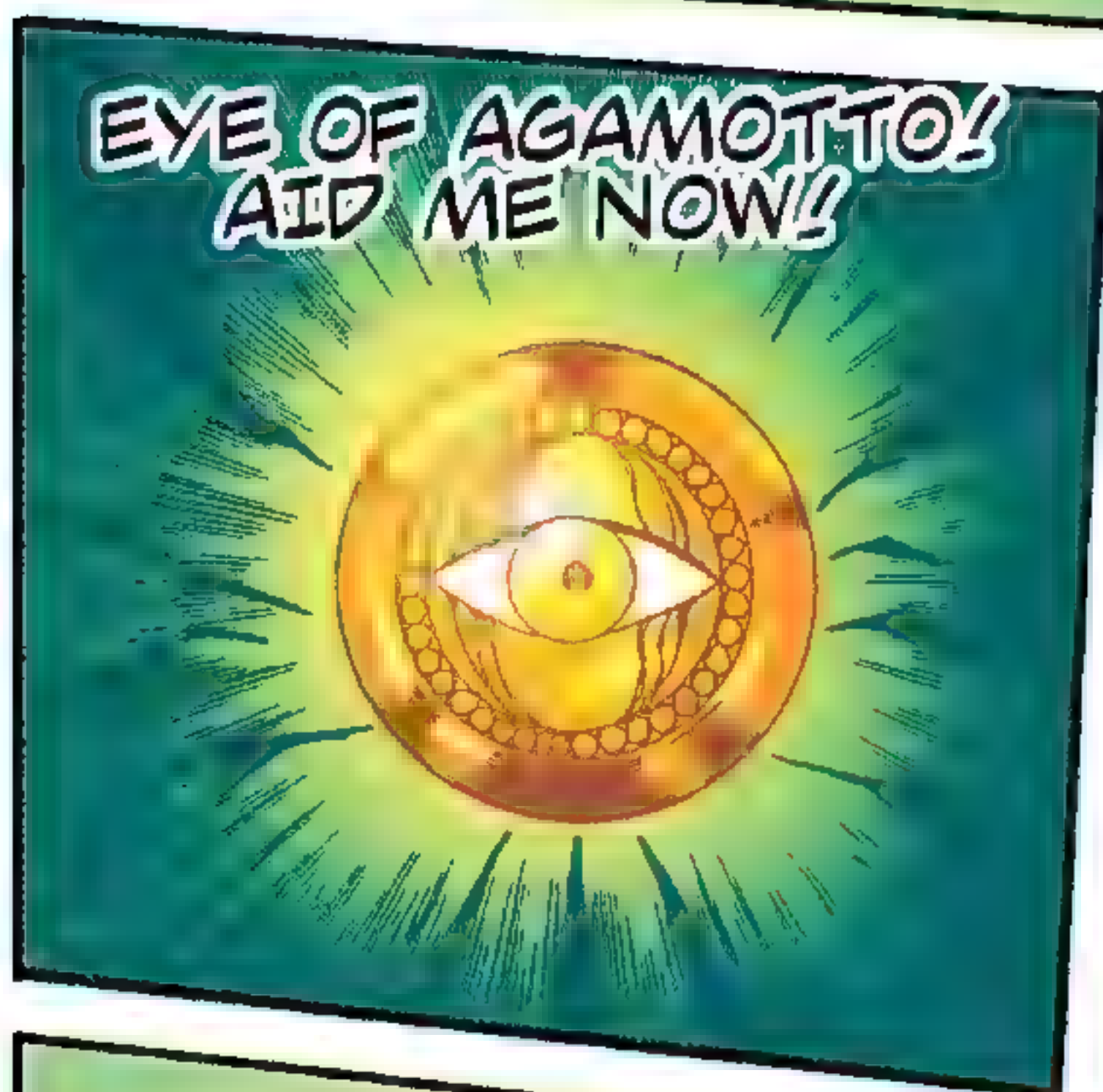


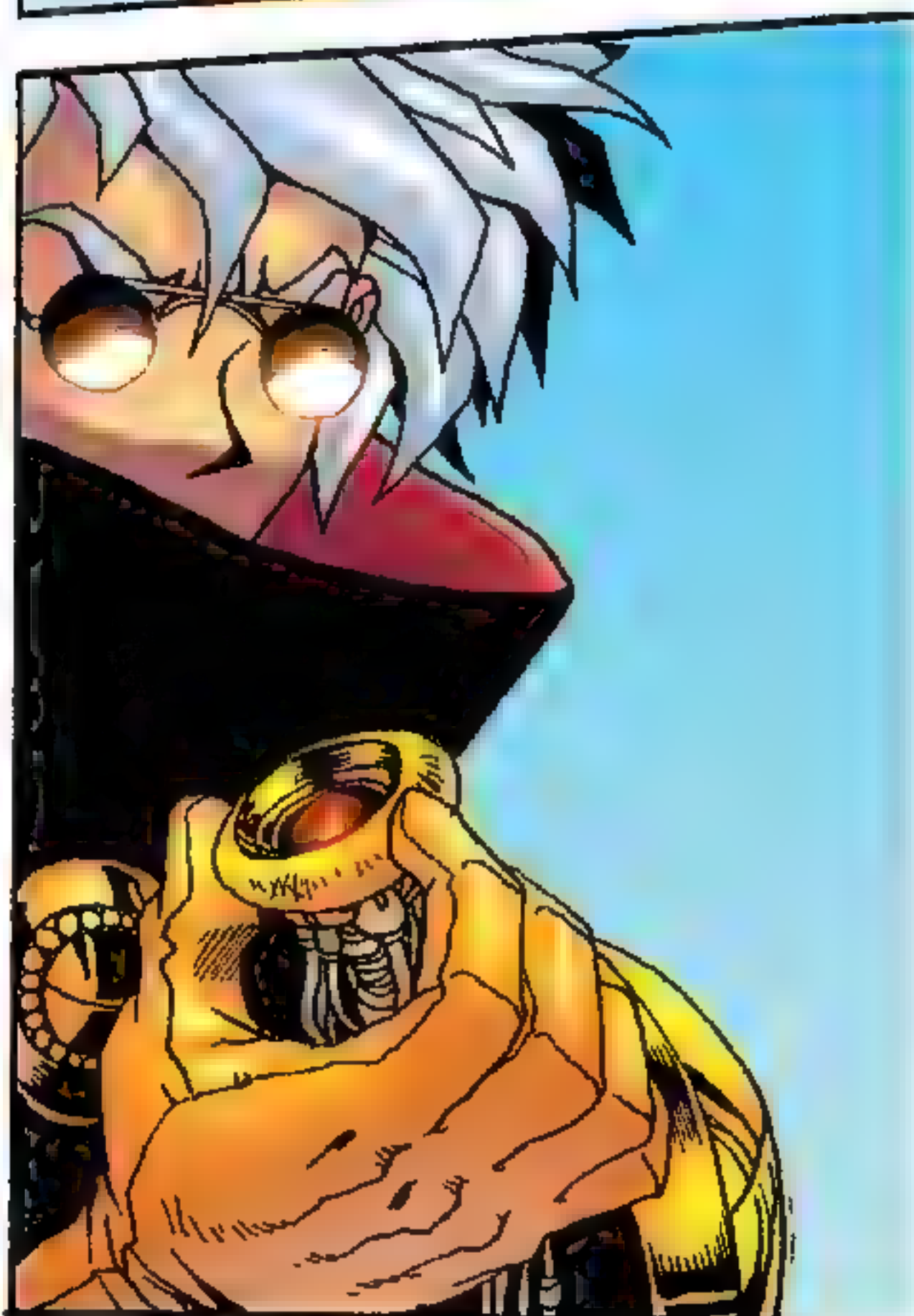
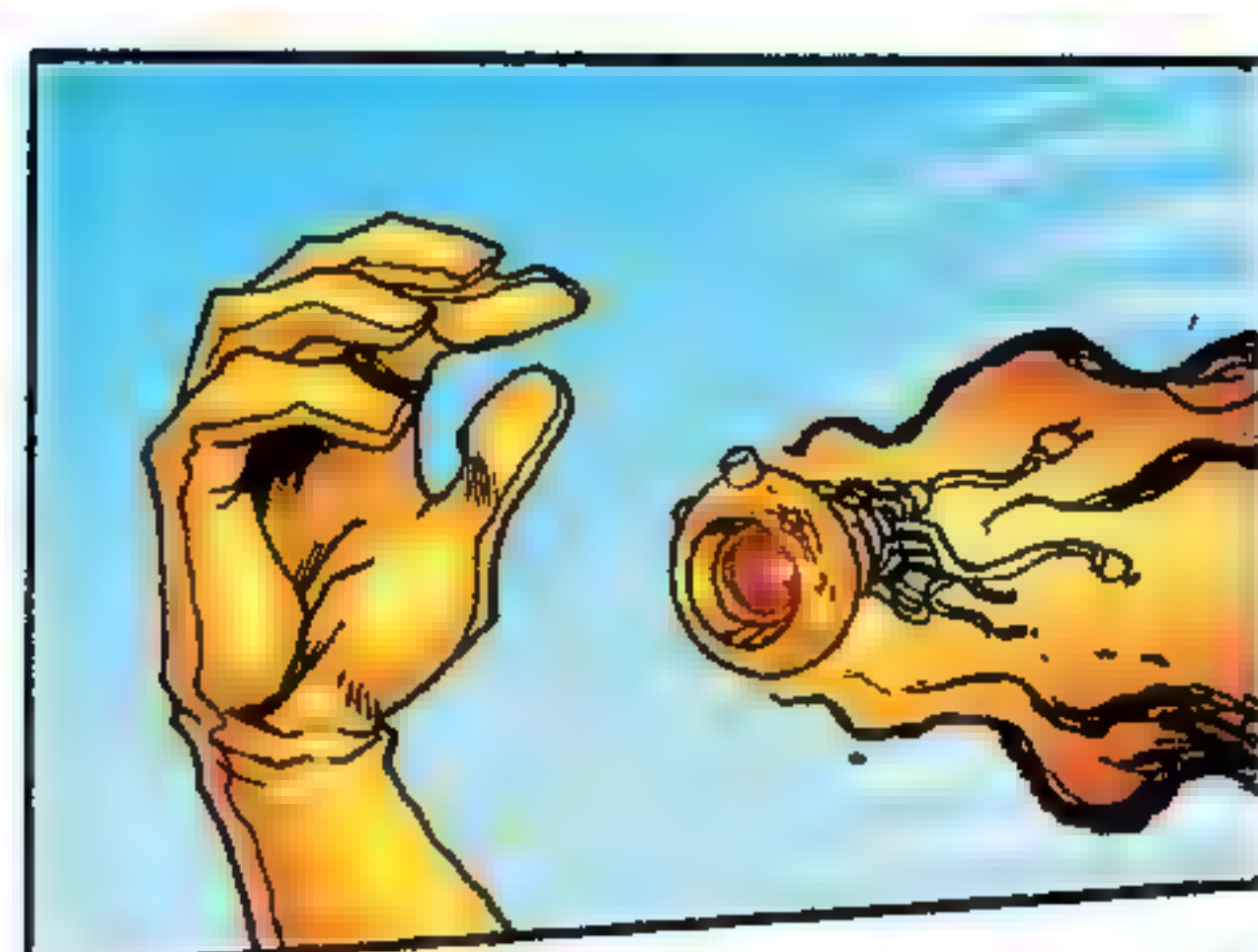
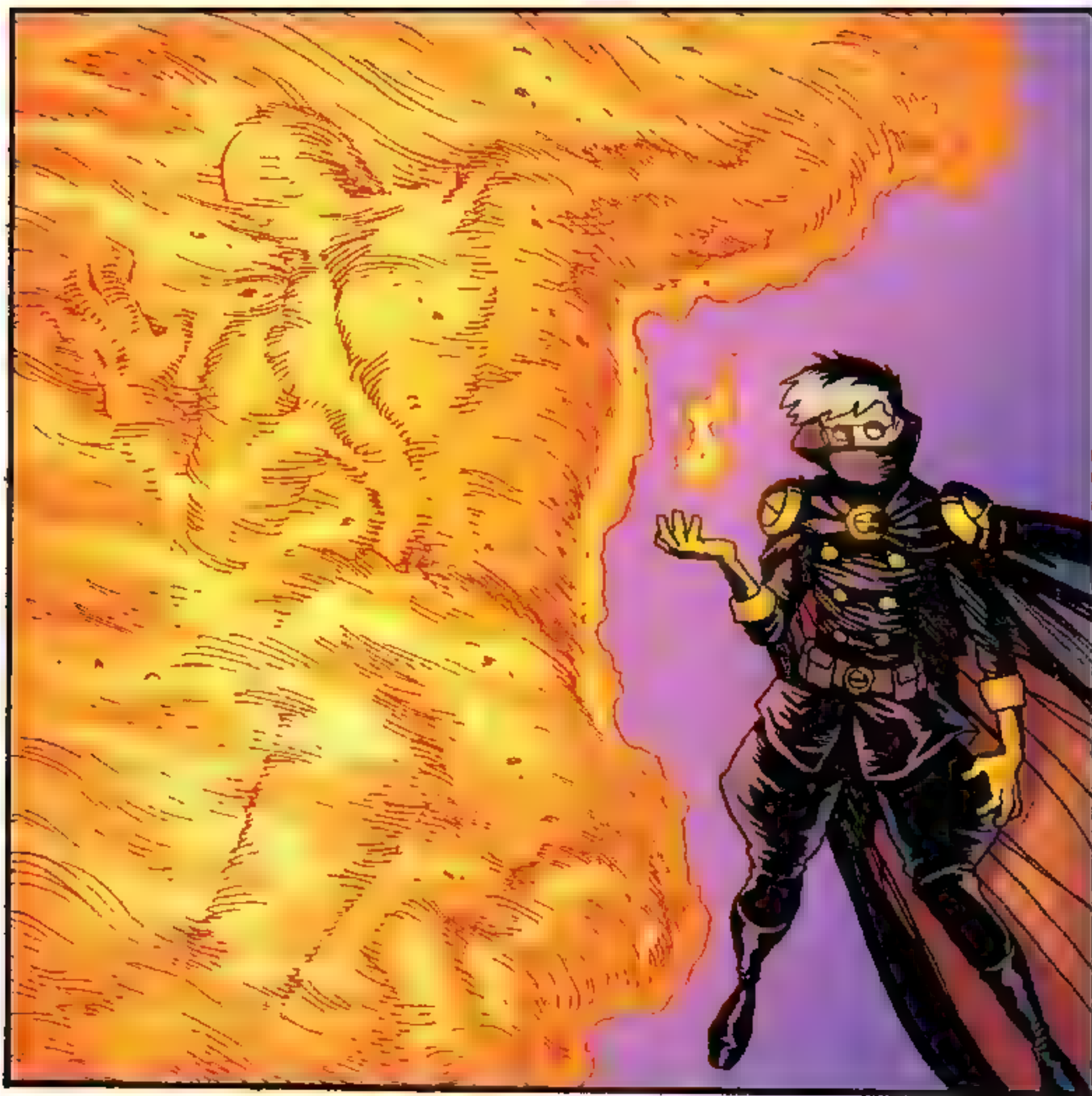
NAMORA...

TAKE ME
BACK TO STARK
ISLAND!









ENOUGH
AMUSEMENT!
HULK! IT IS
TIME TO
RECLAIM OUR
REALM!





OKAY!
IT WAS A
B-I-I-IG
MISTAKE
REBUILDING
THE ENERGY
WELL, BUT I'M
WILLING TO
RECTIFY
THAT!

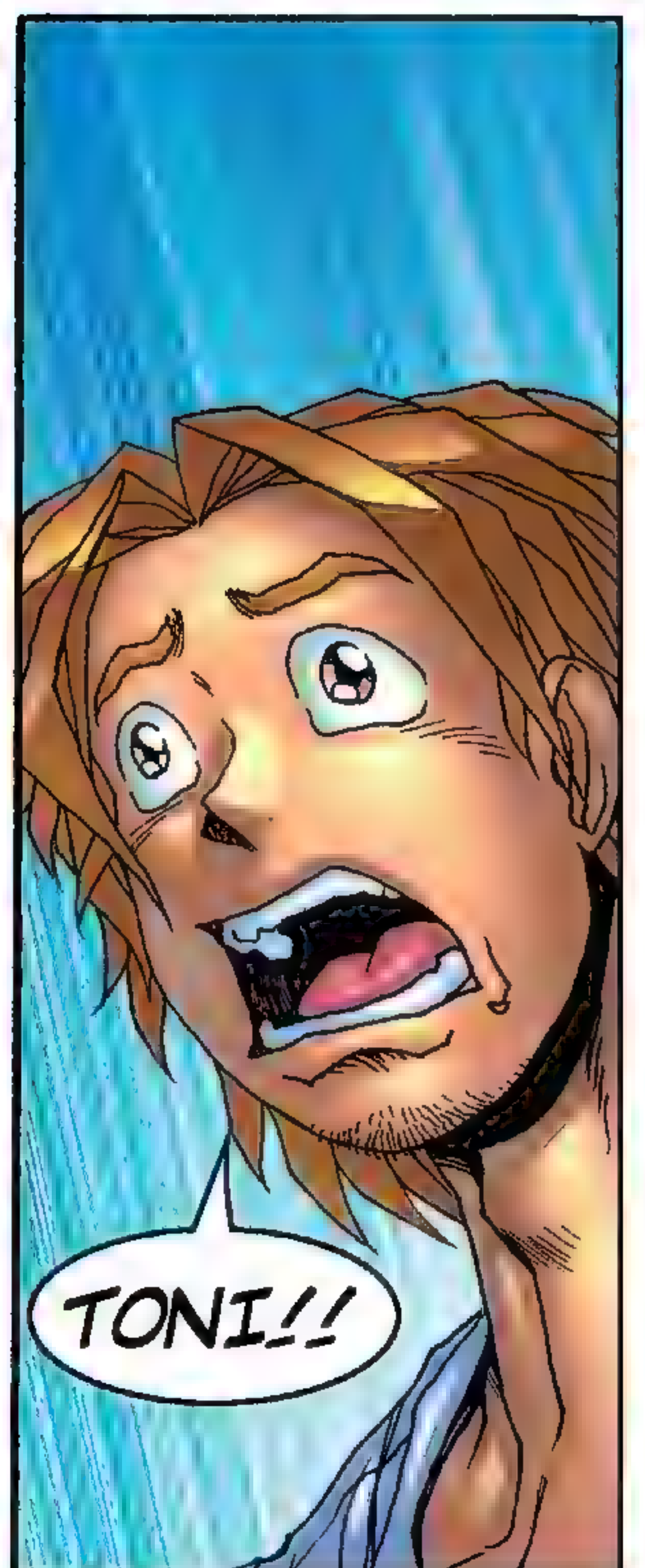
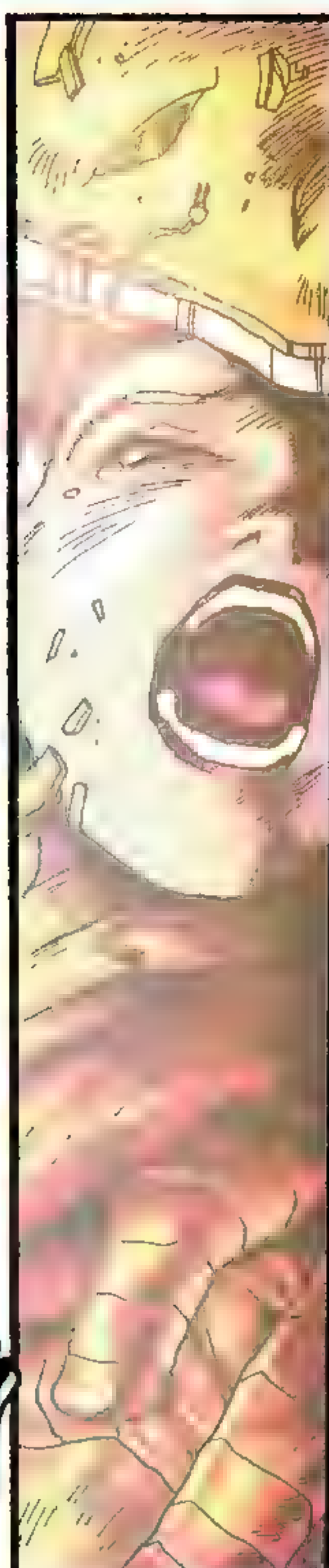
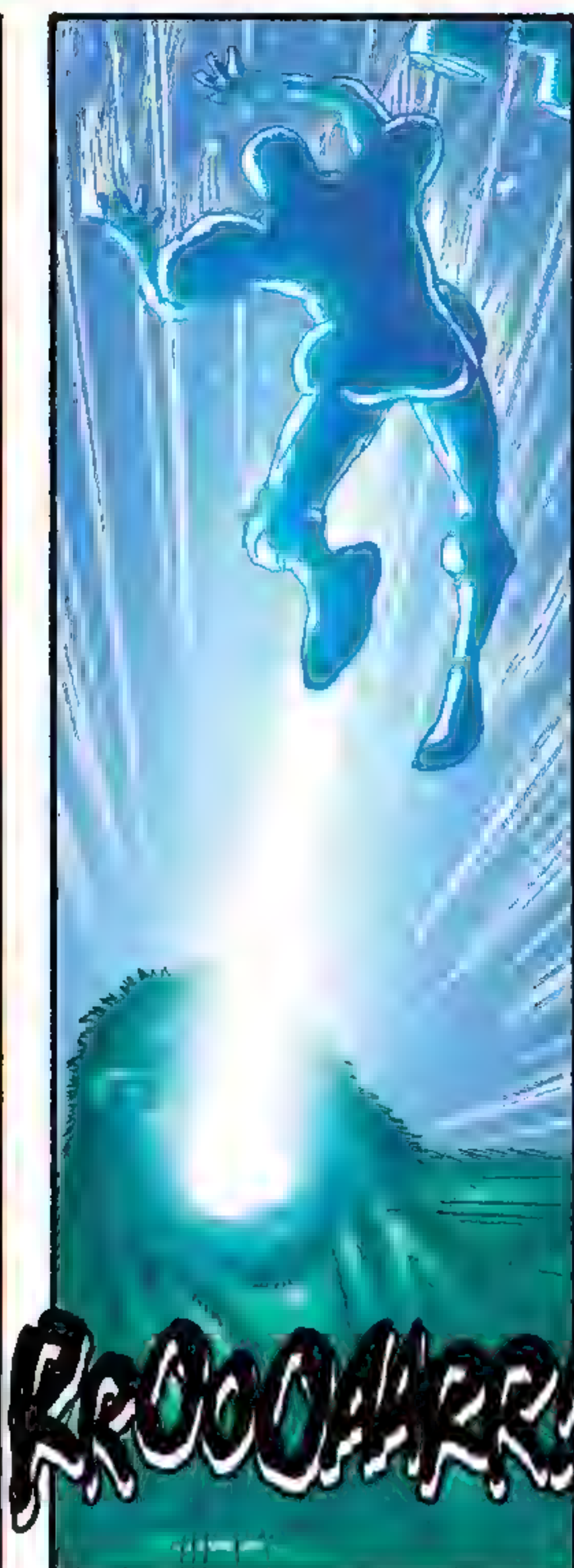
WE HAVE
ENOUGH PROBLEMS
WITH THE ONE
GOD WE DO
HAVE!!

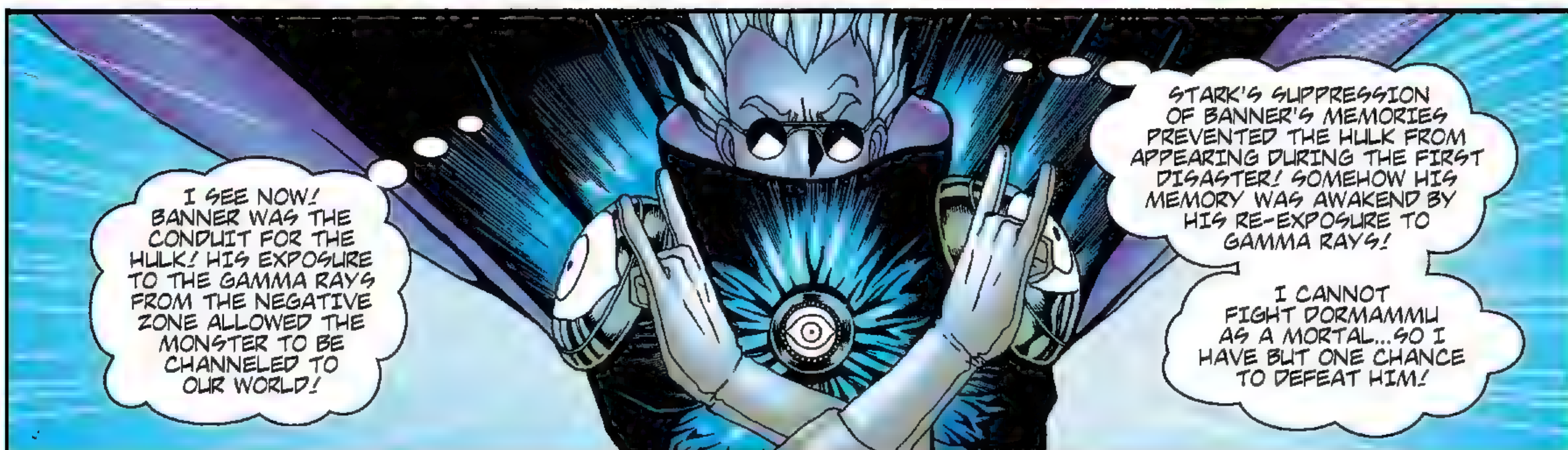
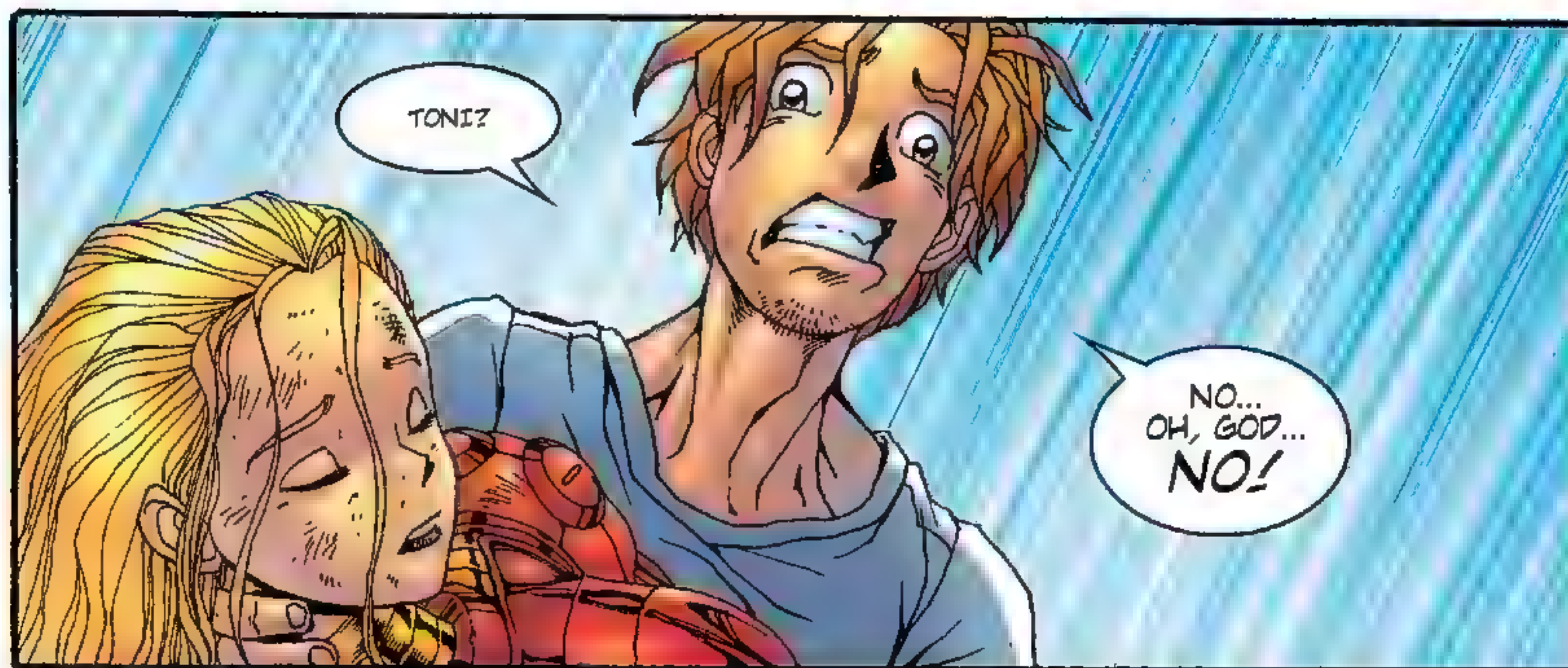
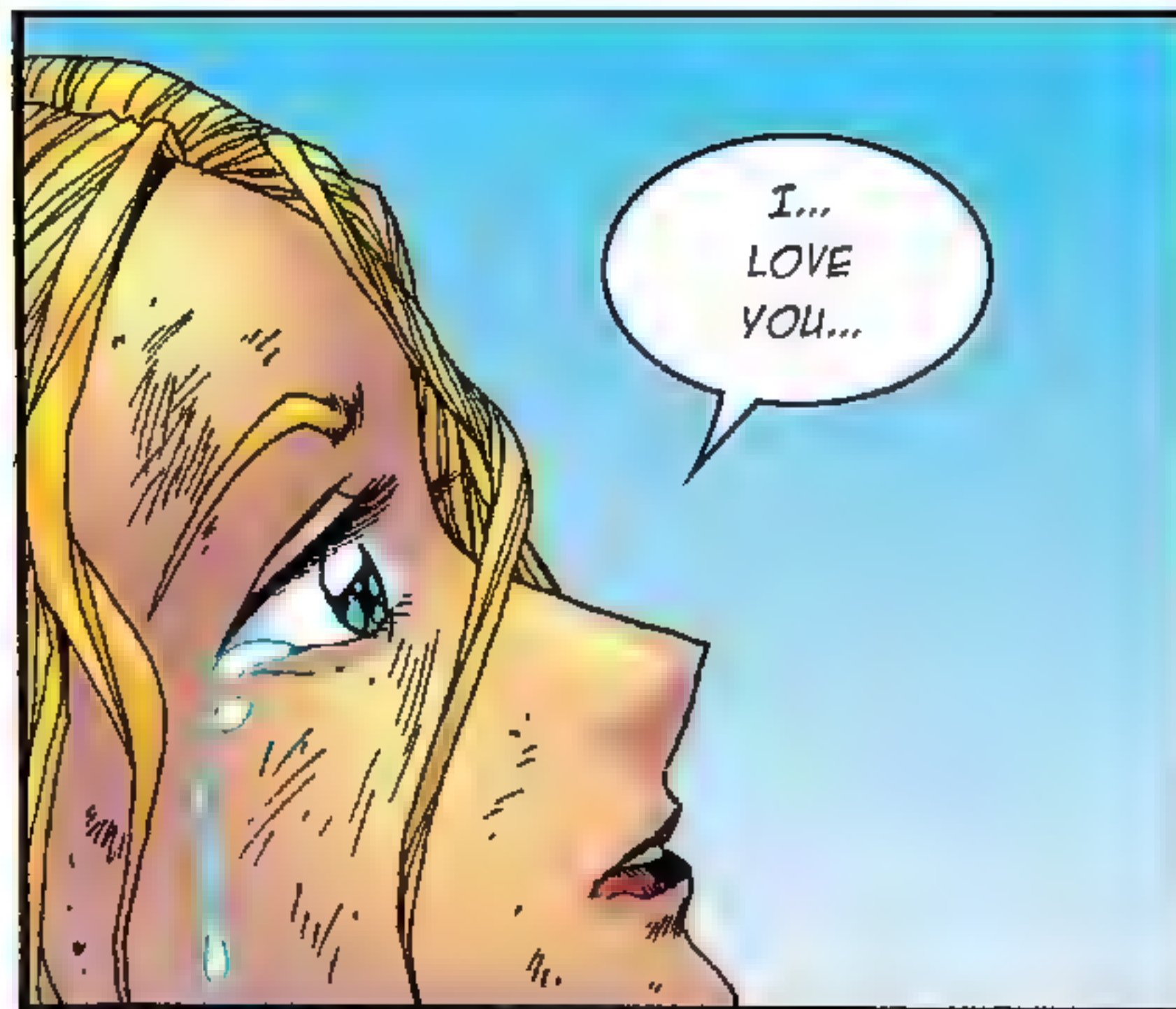
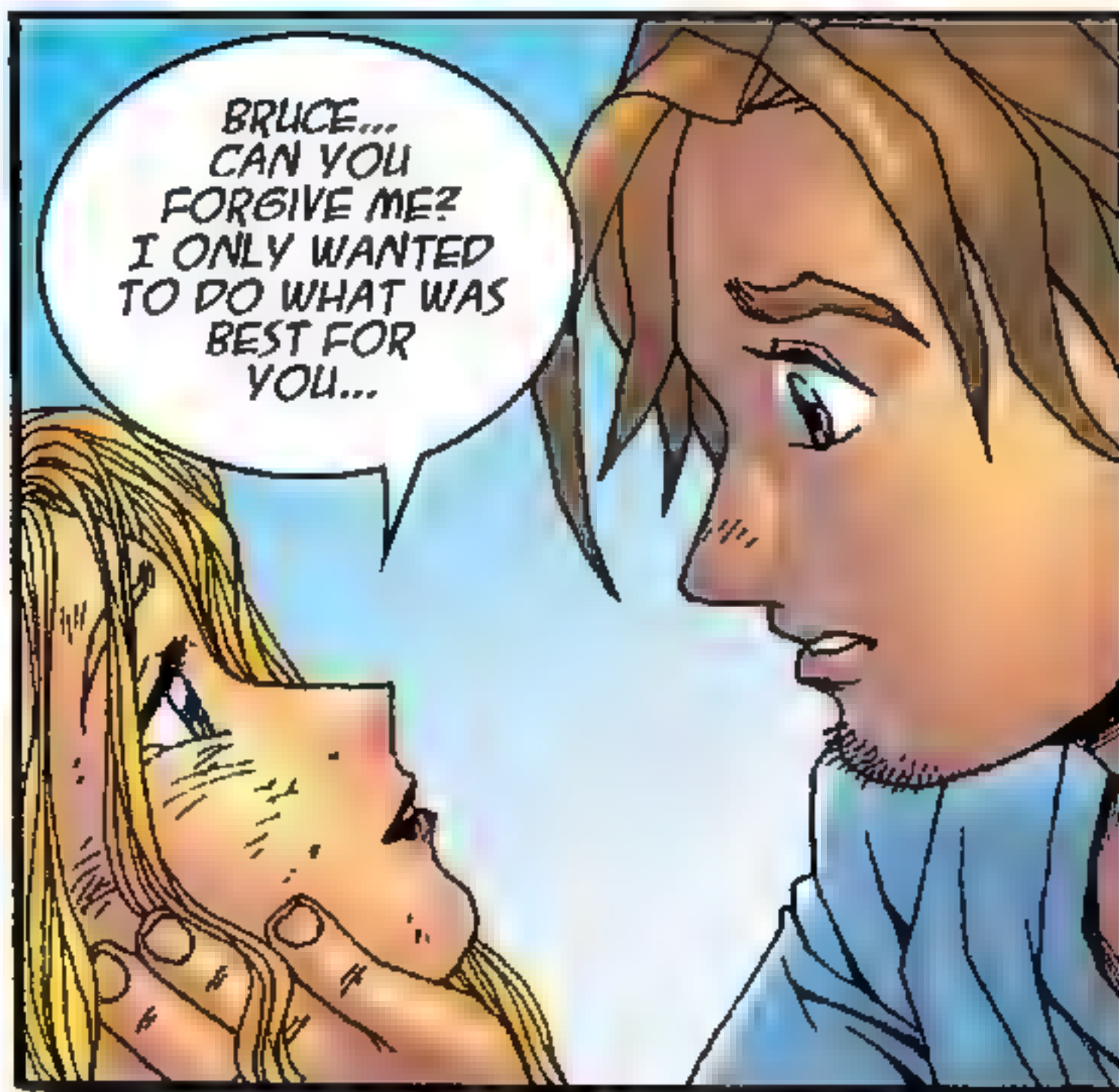
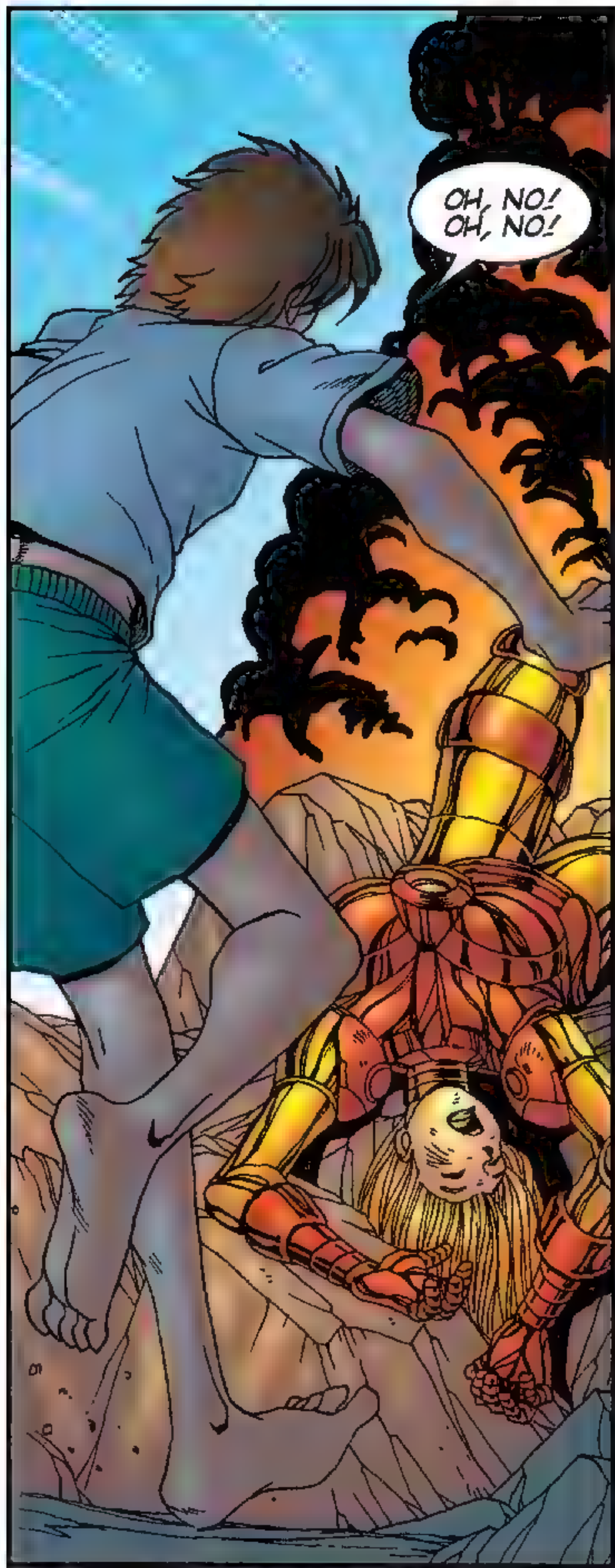
RIGHT
NOW THE LAST
THING WE NEED
IS ANOTHER
DESPOTIC GOD
CLAIMING THE
EARTH!

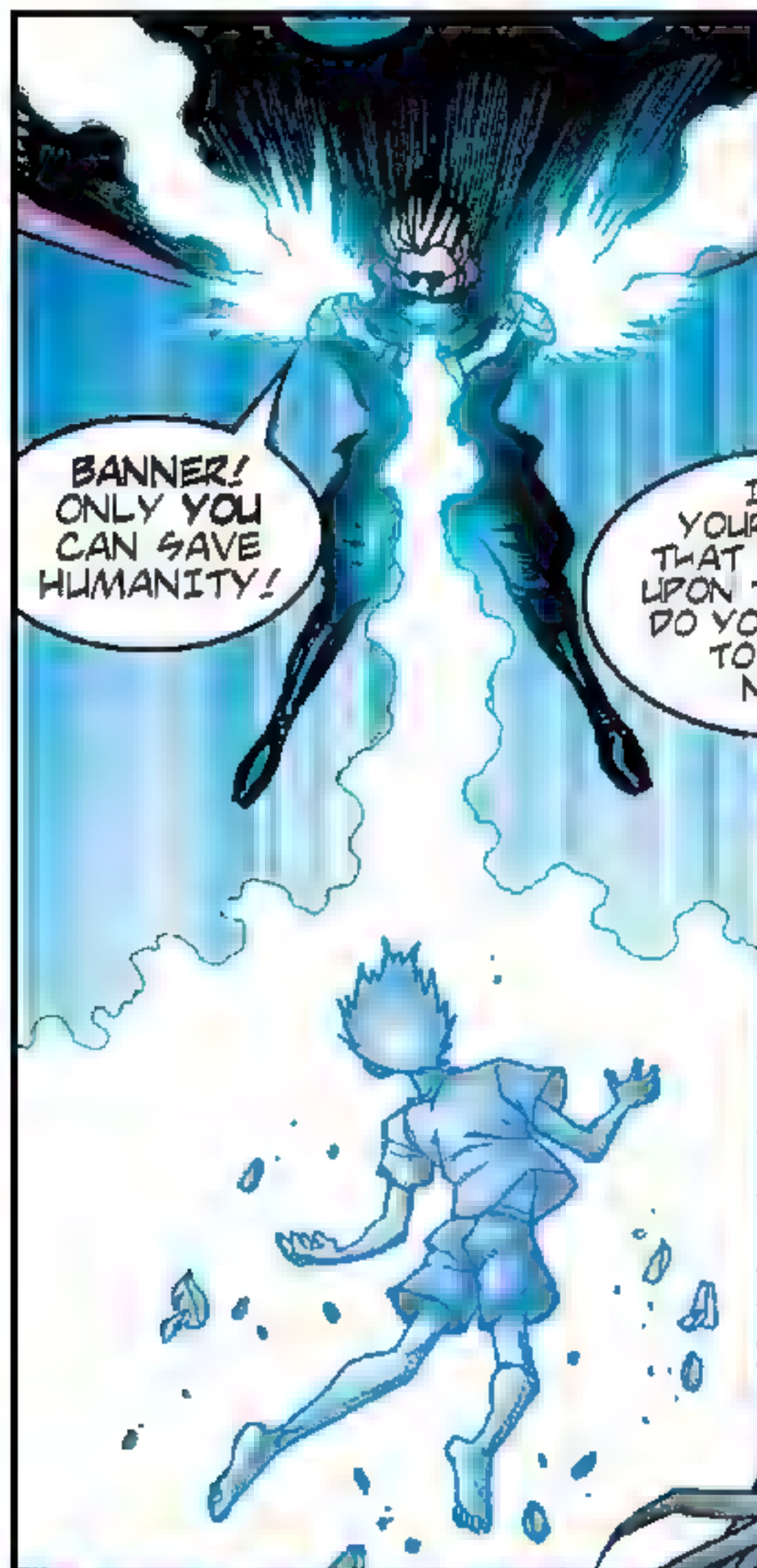


RIGHT NOW
I AM HAVING A
REALLY BAD DAY,
SO IF YOU ALL
DON'T MIND...

GET OFF
MY FREAKING
ISLAND!!







BANNER!
ONLY YOU
CAN SAVE
HUMANITY!

IT IS
YOUR SPIRIT
THAT CAN CALL
UPON THE GODS!
DO YOU CHOOSE
TO DO SO
NOW?



YES!!



CRACK!



AT LONG
LAST I HAVE
BEEN SUMMONED
TO MIDGARD TO
DO BATTLE!!

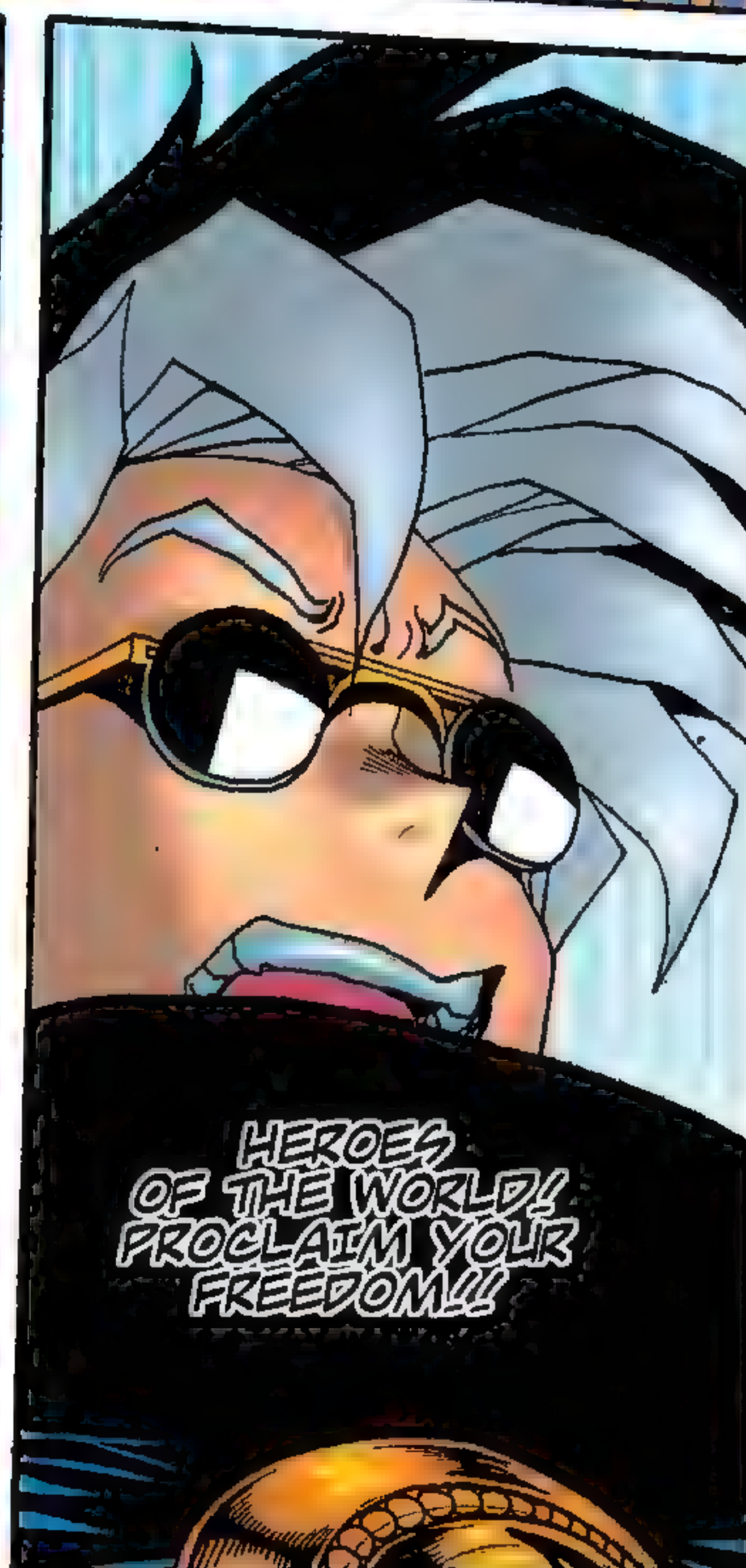
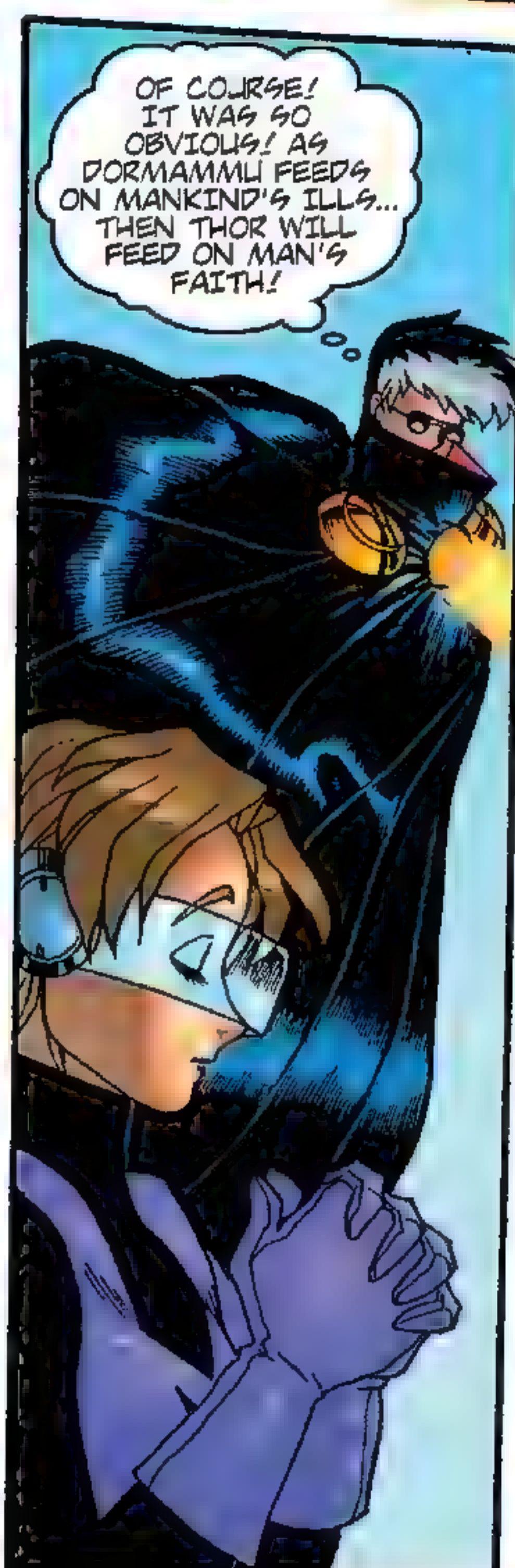
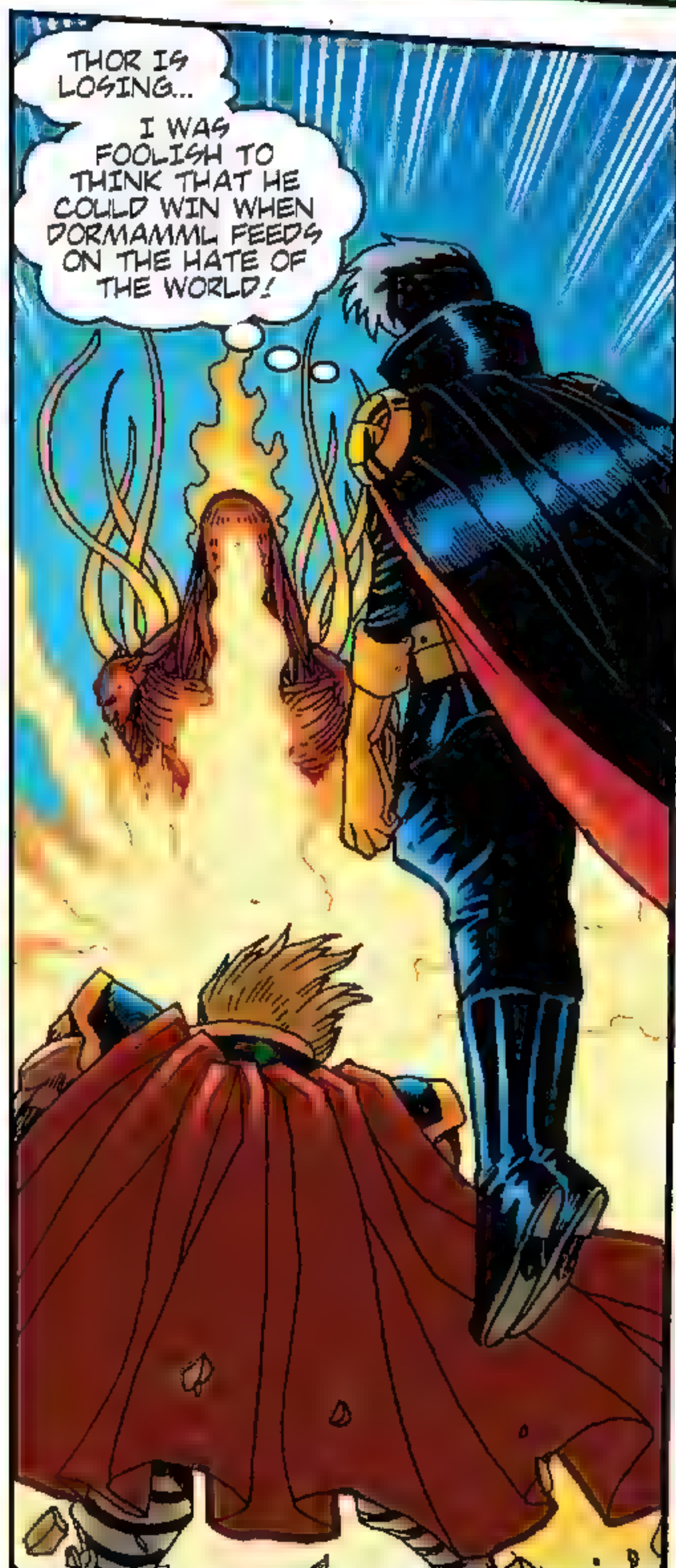
FOR I AM
**THE
MIGHTY
THOR**

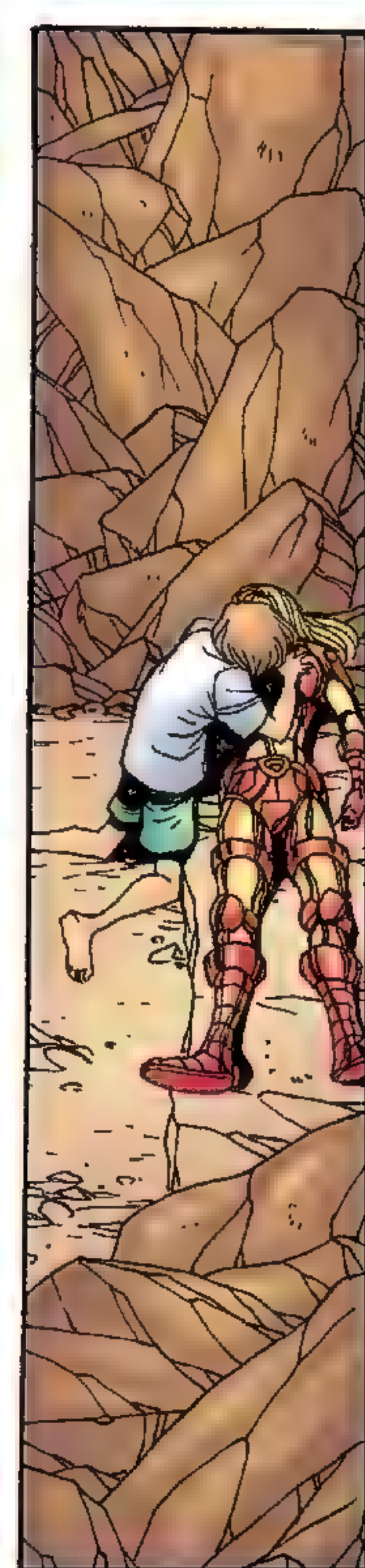
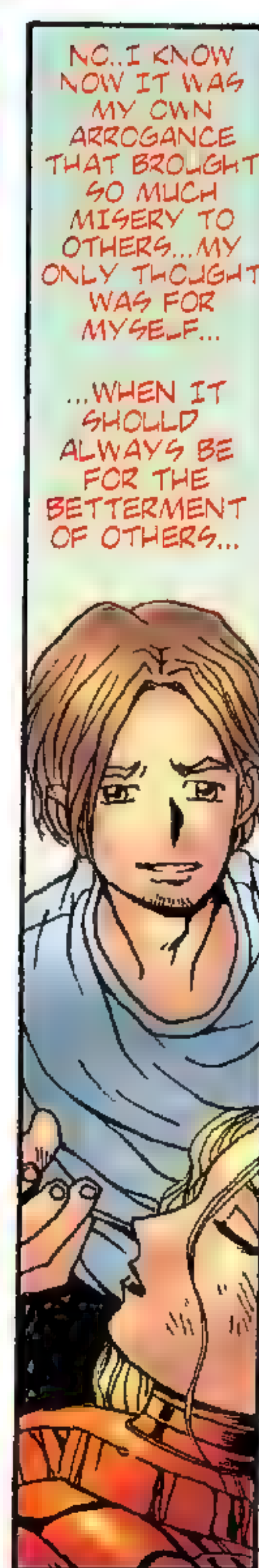
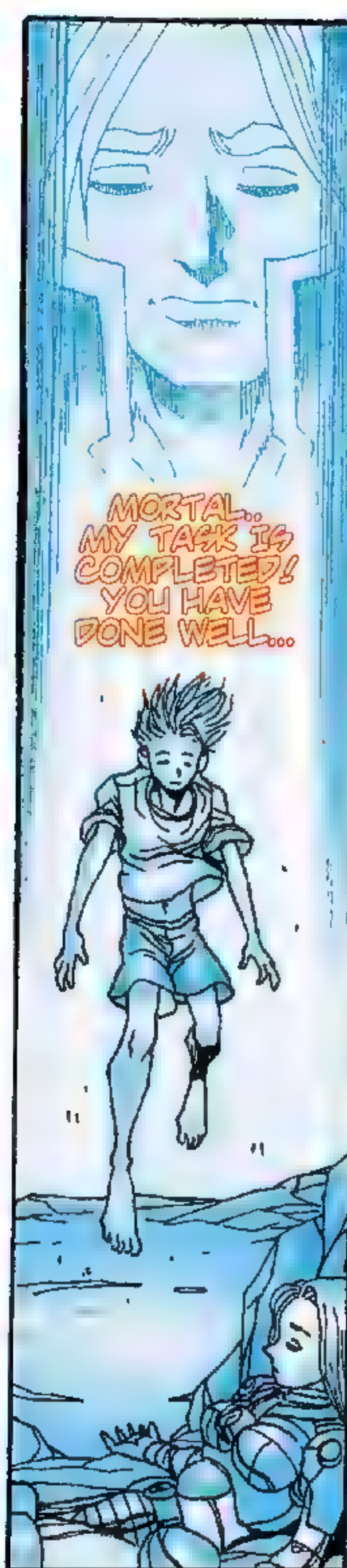
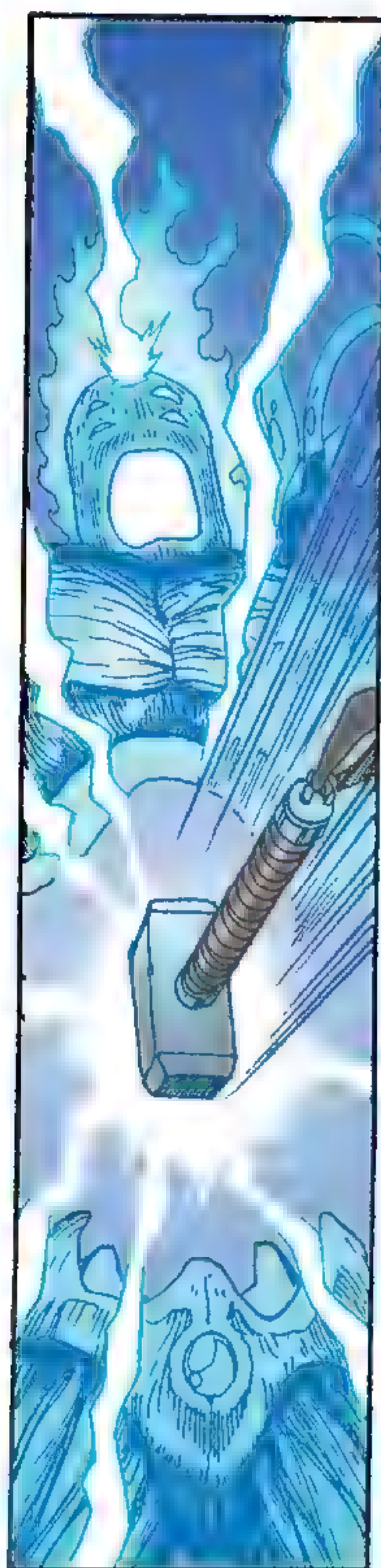
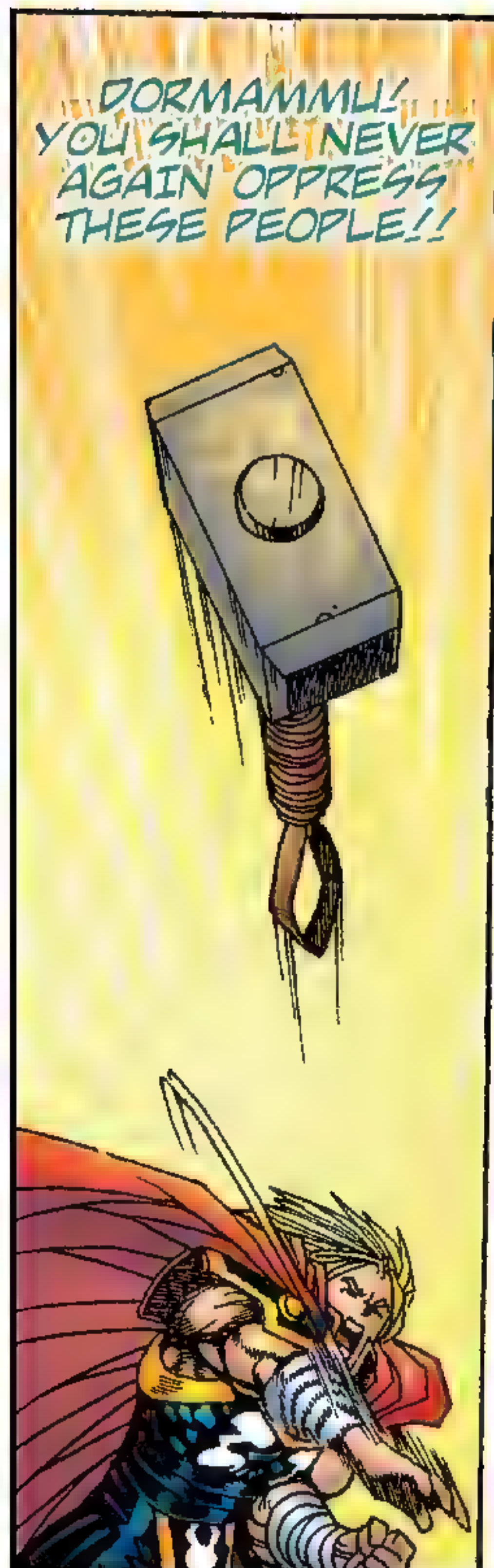


AN IMPRESSIVE
ENTRANCE THUNDER
GOD, BUT I KNOW
YOU ARE VULNERABLE
ON THIS PLANE OF
EXISTENCE!

HULK!
SMASH
HIM!!

DORMAMMU!
I MIGHT HAVE
KNOWN! SEND ONE
MONSTER! SEND
TEN THOUSAND!
I WILL DEFEAT
THEM ALL!

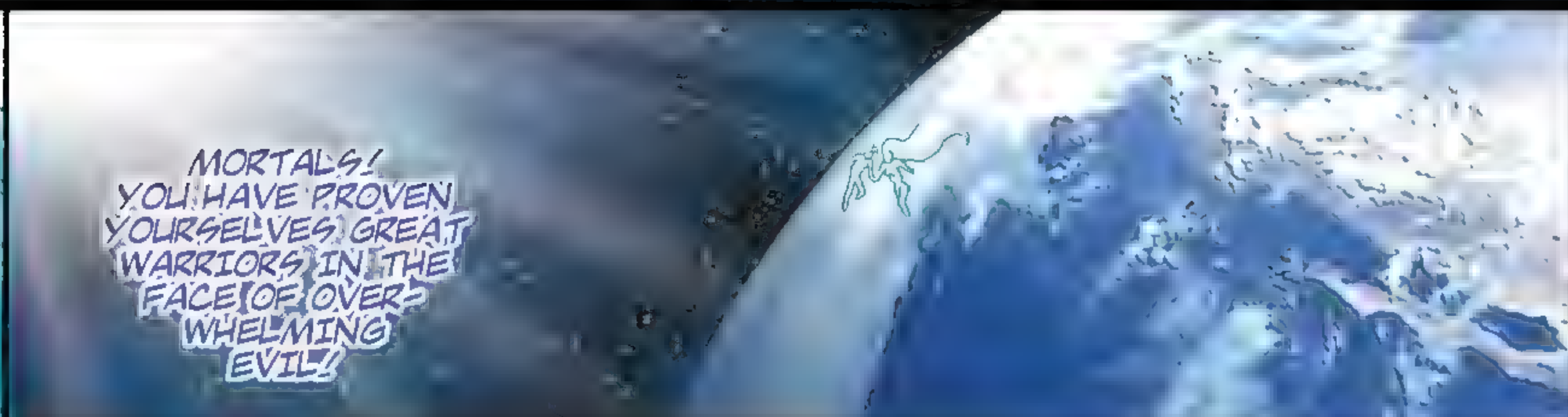






BRUCE...
YOU CAME
FOR ME.

HOW
COULD
I NOT, MY
LOVE?



MORTALS!
YOU HAVE PROVEN
YOURSELVES GREAT
WARRIORS IN THE
FACE OF OVER-
WHELMING
EVIL!



BUT IT IS
YOUR LOVE
FOR ONE
ANOTHER
THAT HAS
PROVEN THE
GREATEST
POWER OF
ALL!!

WELCOME TO VALHALLA, THE GREAT KINGDOM, MIGHTY WARRIORS!



HOW STRANGE...
BOTH DR. BANNER
AND TONI STARK
HAVE SIMPLY
DISAPPEARED!

WHERE
COULD THEY
POSSIBLY
BE?



OUT THERE,
RICHARDS....
OUT THERE...

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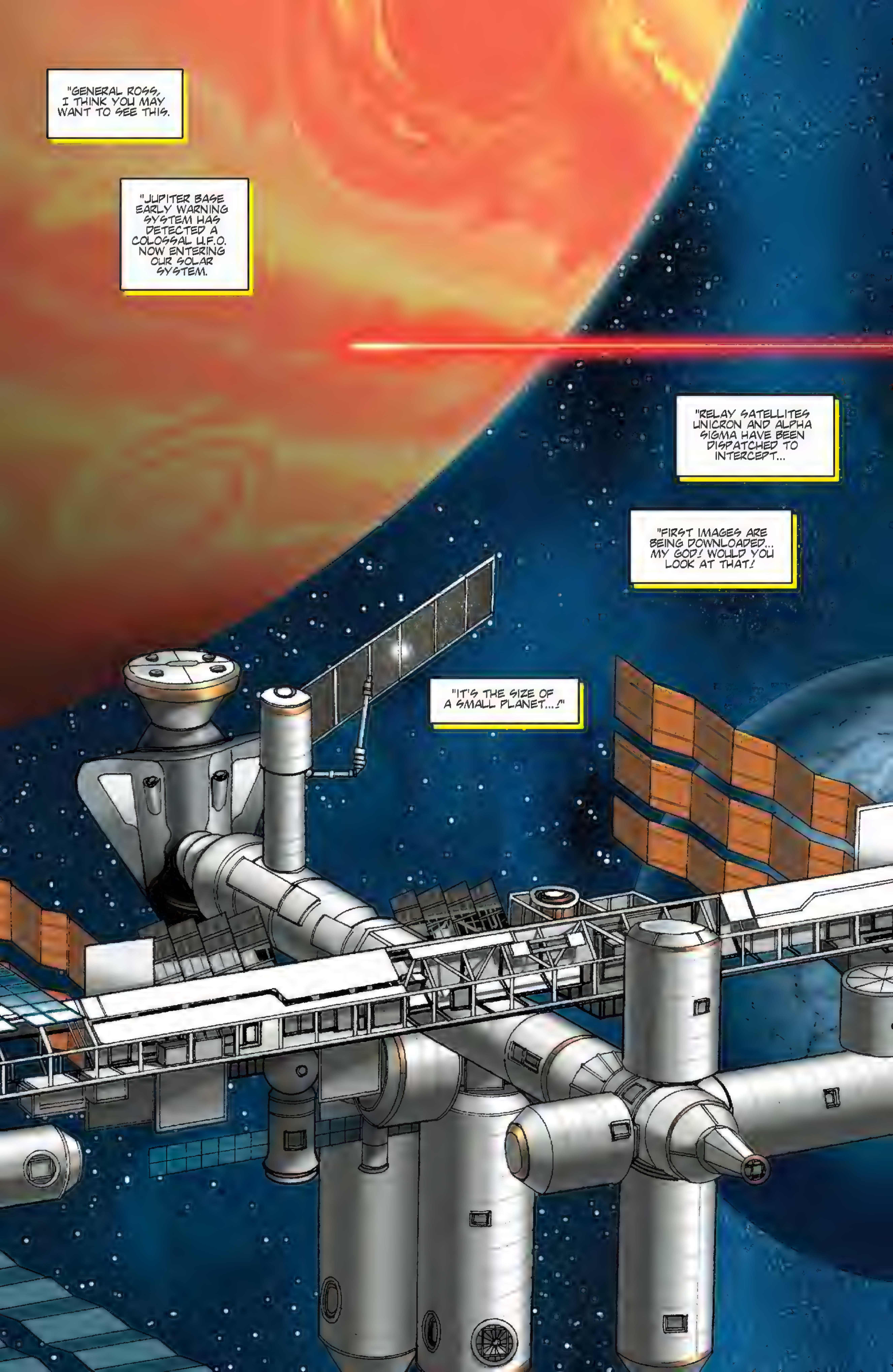
"GENERAL ROSS,
I THINK YOU MAY
WANT TO SEE THIS.

"JUPITER BASE
EARLY WARNING
SYSTEM HAS
DETECTED A
COLOSSAL U.F.O.
NOW ENTERING
OUR SOLAR
SYSTEM.

"RELAY SATELLITES
UNICRON AND ALPHA
SIGMA HAVE BEEN
DISPATCHED TO
INTERCEPT...

"FIRST IMAGES ARE
BEING DOWNLOADED...
MY GOD! WOULD YOU
LOOK AT THAT!

"IT'S THE SIZE OF
A SMALL PLANET...!"



"...AND ITS
TARGET IS
EARTH!"



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QUEENS, NEW YORK.

MARVIN?
JUST WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

UH-OH...
BLUSTED!

UH...
NOTHING,
MOM...

MARVIN!
YOU KNOW
VERY WELL
THAT YOUR
FATHER DOES
NOT WANT YOU
TO GO INTO THAT
ROOM UNTIL
YOUR
EIGHTEENTH
BIRTHDAY!

BUT MOM!
I'M PRACTICALLY
EIGHTEEN!

YOU'RE
THIRTEEN!

CLOSE ENOUGH...
BESIDES, WHAT COULD
BE IN THERE THAT I HAVE
TO WAIT FIVE YEARS
FOR?

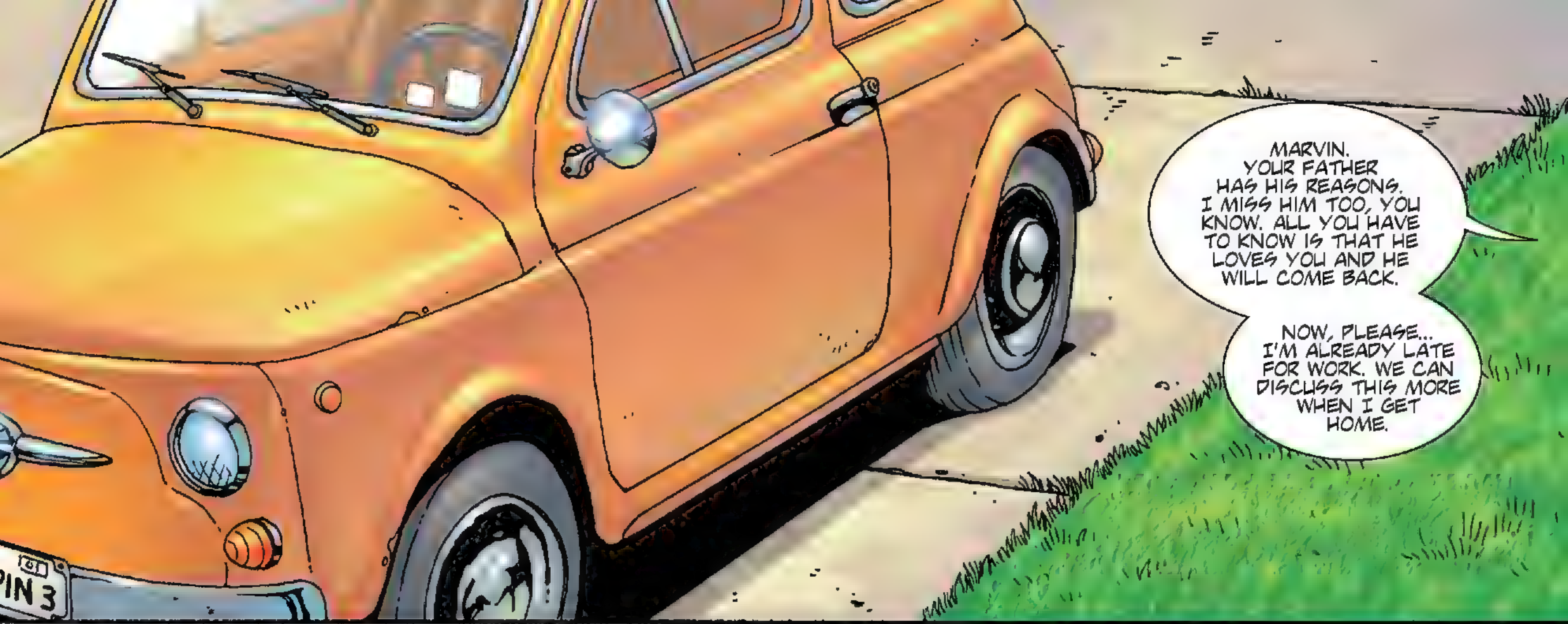
I'M AFRAID
YOU'LL HAVE TO
WAIT AND SEE. YOUR
FATHER HAS HIS
REASONS.

YEAH...
I KNOW.
I JUST WISH
HE WERE
HERE.

SO DO
I, HONEY...
SO DO
I.

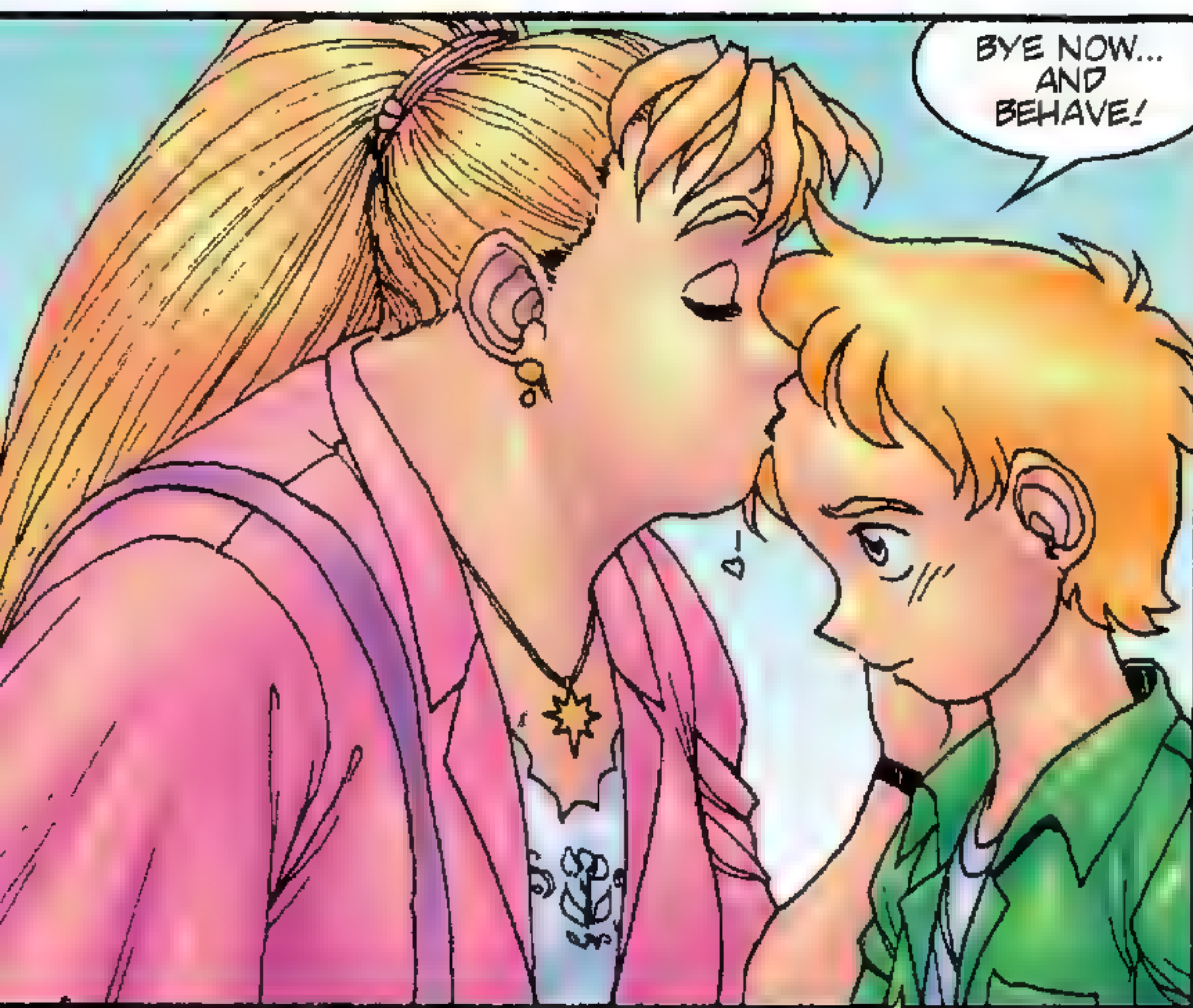
SURE, SWEETIE...
WHAT IS IT?

MOM... CAN I ASK
YOU SOMETHING?

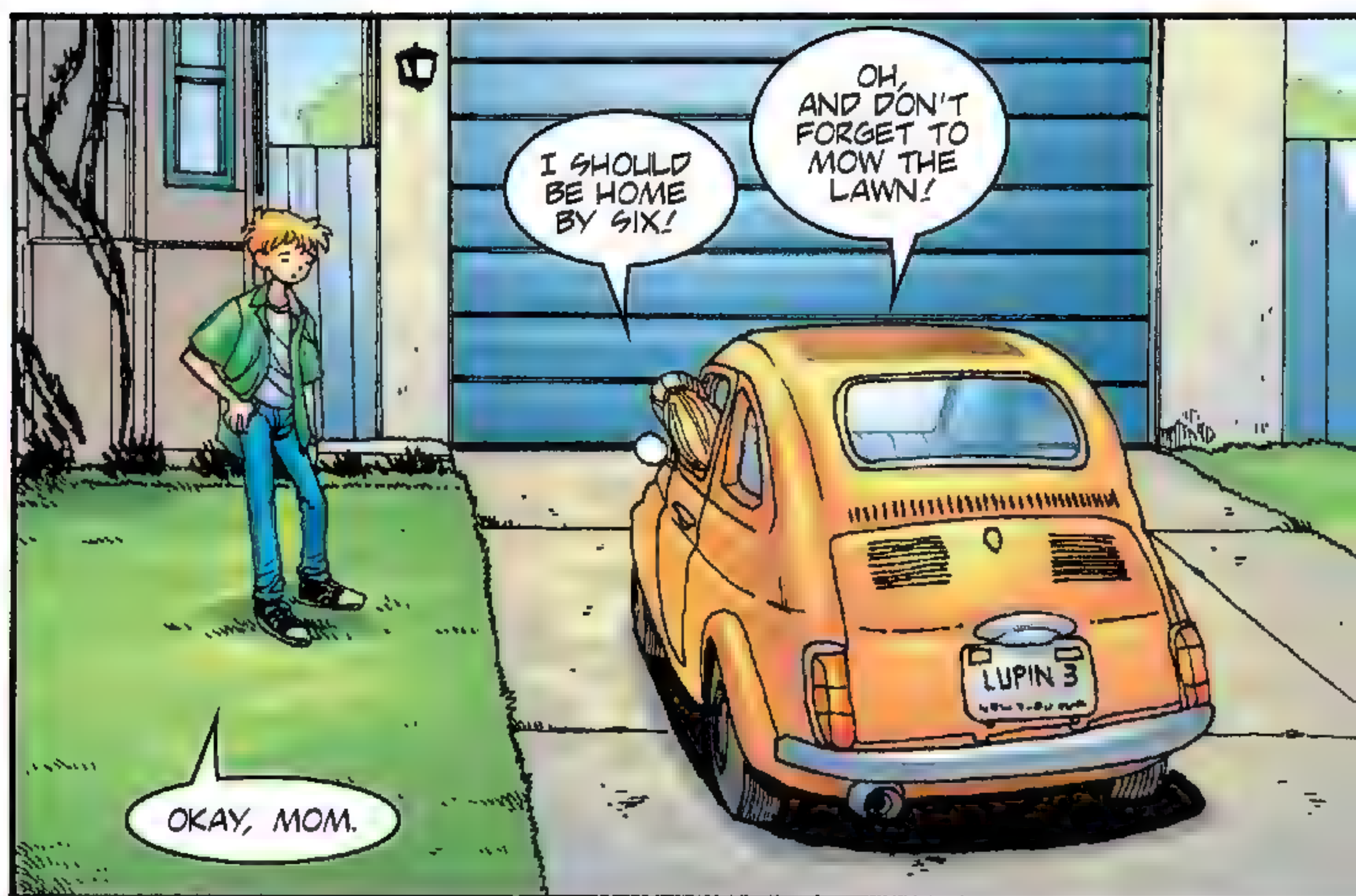


MARVIN.
YOUR FATHER
HAS HIS REASONS.
I MISS HIM TOO, YOU
KNOW. ALL YOU HAVE
TO KNOW IS THAT HE
LOVES YOU AND HE
WILL COME BACK.

NOW, PLEASE...
I'M ALREADY LATE
FOR WORK. WE CAN
DISCUSS THIS MORE
WHEN I GET
HOME.



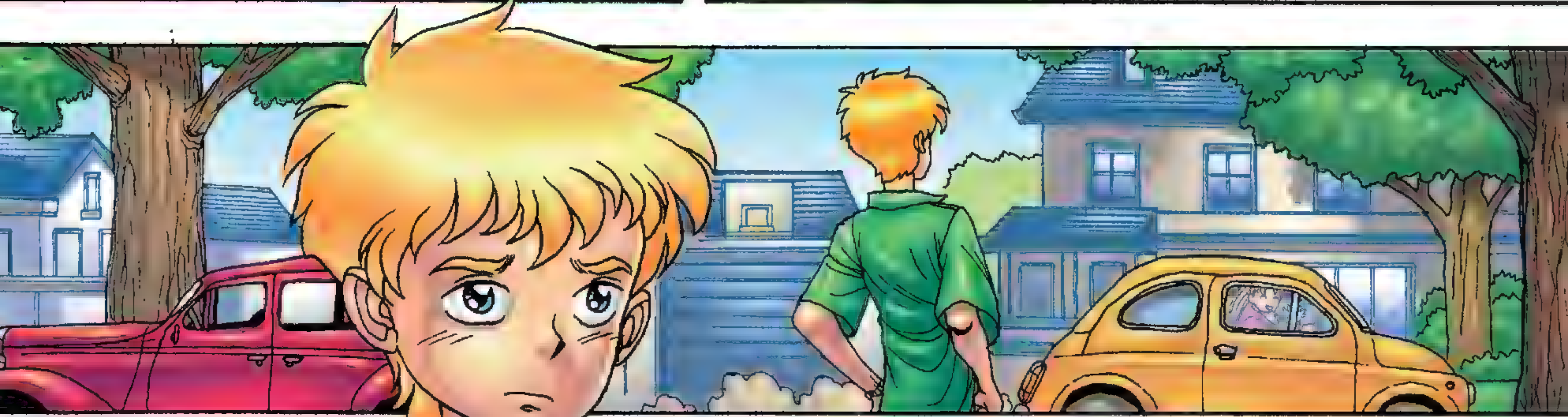
BYE NOW...
AND
BEHAVE!



I SHOULD
BE HOME
BY SIX!

OH,
AND DON'T
FORGET TO
MOW THE
LAWN!

OKAY, MOM.



ooo

CUT THE
GRASS,
HUH?

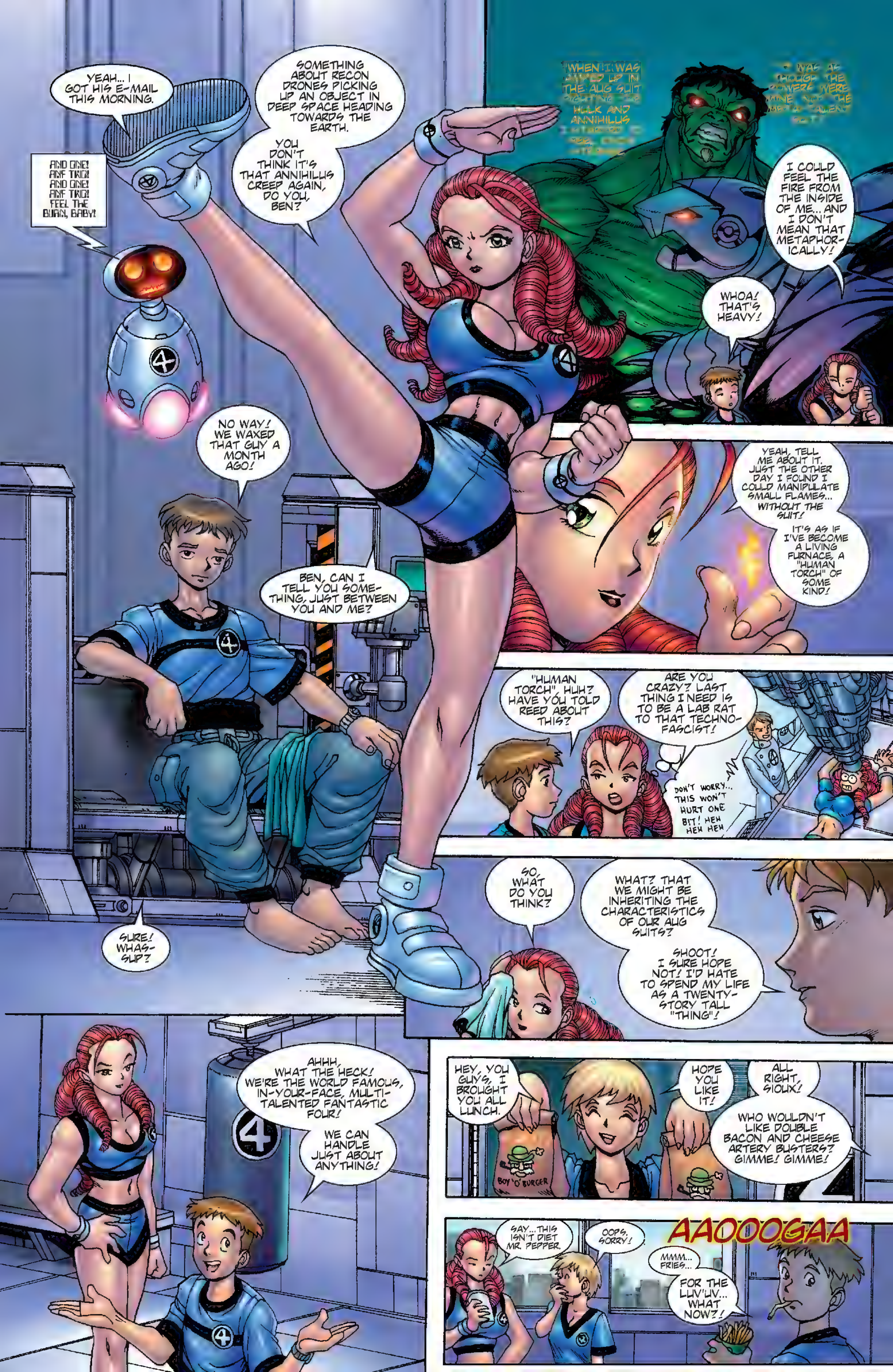
SEEMS
THAT'S ALL
I'M GOOD
FOR...



THE BAXTER
BUILDING,
MANHATTAN,
NEW YORK.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE
WORLD FAMOUS QUARTET,
THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

YOU DID
GET REED'S
MESSAGE, RIGHT,
JONATHAN?



YEAH... I GOT HIS E-MAIL THIS MORNING.

AND ONE! ONE TWO! AND ONE! ONE TWO! FEEL THE BURN, BABY!

SOMETHING ABOUT RECON DRONES PICKING UP AN OBJECT IN DEEP SPACE HEADING TOWARDS THE EARTH.

YOU DON'T THINK IT'S THAT ANNIHILLIS CREEP AGAIN, DO YOU, BEN?

NO WAY! WE WAXED THAT GUY A MONTH AGO!

BEN, CAN I TELL YOU SOMETHING, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME?

SURE! WHAS-SUP?

WHEN I WAS LIPPED UP IN THE AUG SUIT FIGHTING THE HULK AND ANNIHILLIS I FELT THE BURN.

I WAS AS THOUGH THE POWERS WERE MINE AND THE METAL TALENT WAS MINE.

I COULD FEEL THE FIRE FROM THE INSIDE OF ME... AND I DON'T MEAN THAT METAPHORICALLY!

WHOA! THAT'S HEAVY!

YEAH, TELL ME ABOUT IT. JUST THE OTHER DAY I FOUND I COULD MANIPULATE SMALL FLAMES... WITHOUT THE SUIT!

IT'S AS IF I'VE BECOME A LIVING FURNACE, A "HUMAN TORCH" OF SOME KIND!

"HUMAN TORCH" HUH? HAVE YOU TOLD REED ABOUT THIS?

ARE YOU CRAZY? LAST THING I NEED IS TO BE A LAB RAT TO THAT TECHNO-FASCIST!

DON'T WORRY... THIS WON'T HURT ONE BIT! HEH HEH HEH

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WHAT? THAT WE MIGHT BE INHERITING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR AUG SUITS?

SHOOT! I SURE HOPE NOT! I'D HATE TO SPEND MY LIFE AS A TWENTY-STORY TALL "THING"!

AHHH, WHAT THE HECK! WE'RE THE WORLD FAMOUS, IN-YOUR-FACE, MULTI-TALENTED FANTASTIC FOUR!

WE CAN HANDLE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING!

HEY, YOU GUYS, I BROUGHT YOU ALL LUNCH.

HOPE YOU LIKE IT!

ALL RIGHT, SIOUX!

WHO WOULDN'T LIKE DOUBLE BACON AND CHEESE ARTERY BUSTERS? GIMME! GIMME!

SAY... THIS ISN'T DIET MR. PEPPER.

OOOPS, SORRY!

MMM... FRIES...

FOR THE LIV'LIV... WHAT NOW?!

AAOOOGAA

AAA000000GGGGGAAAAA!



HOW COULD ANYONE GET INTO OUR COMPUTER ROOM MAINFRAME? IT'S THE MOST SECURE PART OF THE BAXTER BUILDING!

THAT'S THE LEVEL A-4 ALARM! HERBIE'S ROOM HAS BEEN INFILTRATED!

JEEZ, REED, IS SECURITY ON VACATION?

AND TURN THAT BLASTED ALARM OFF! IT'S BUGGIN' THE HELL OUT OF ME!

THE ALARM SHOULD BE THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES.

NOTHING HUMAN COULD HAVE GOTTEN PAST MY SECURITY. I CAN TELL YOU THAT MUCH.

SHALL WE GO IN?

UHH... YOU FIRST.



EWWW! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

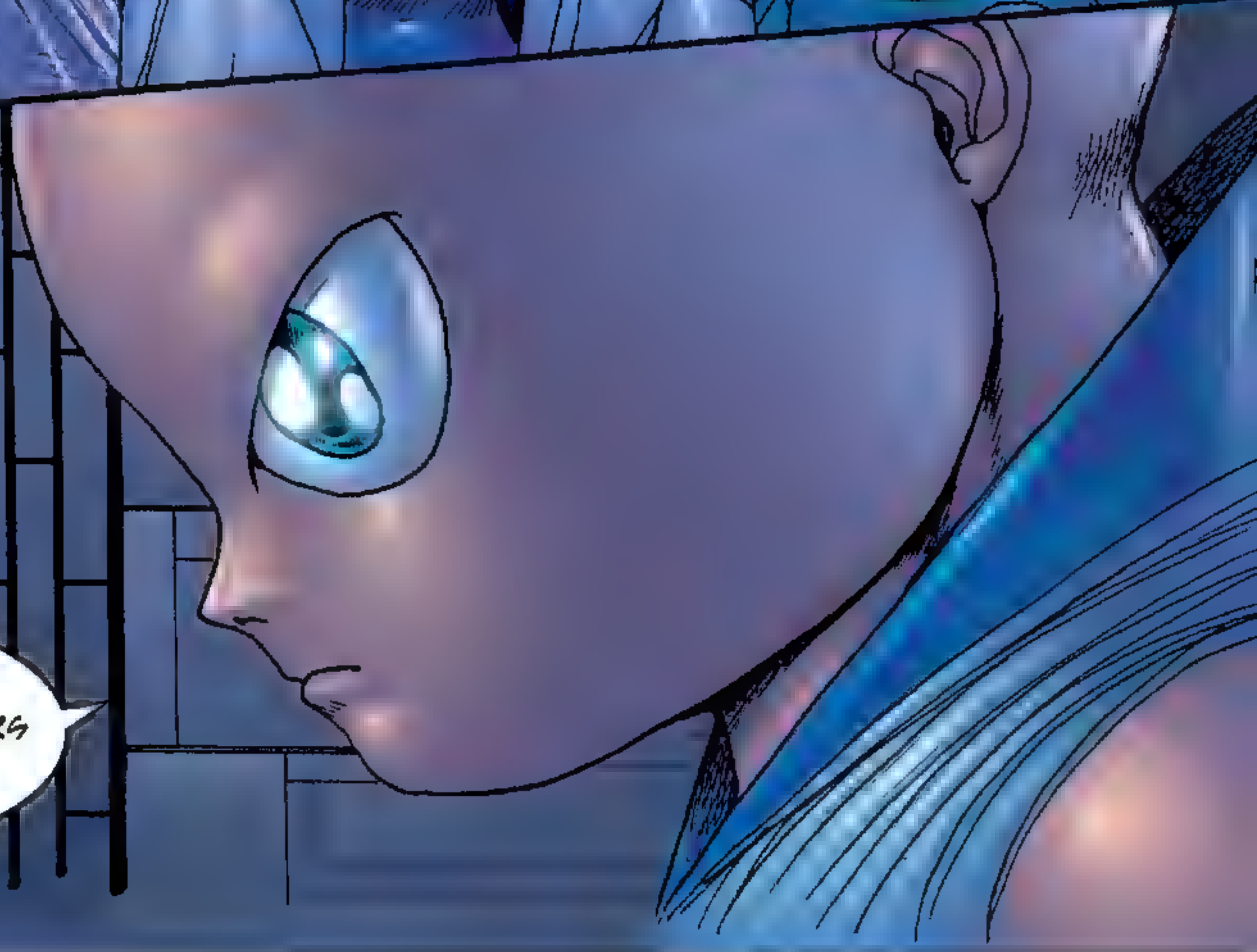
YOUR PRIMITIVE SECURITY WAS MERELY A WAY FOR ME TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION.

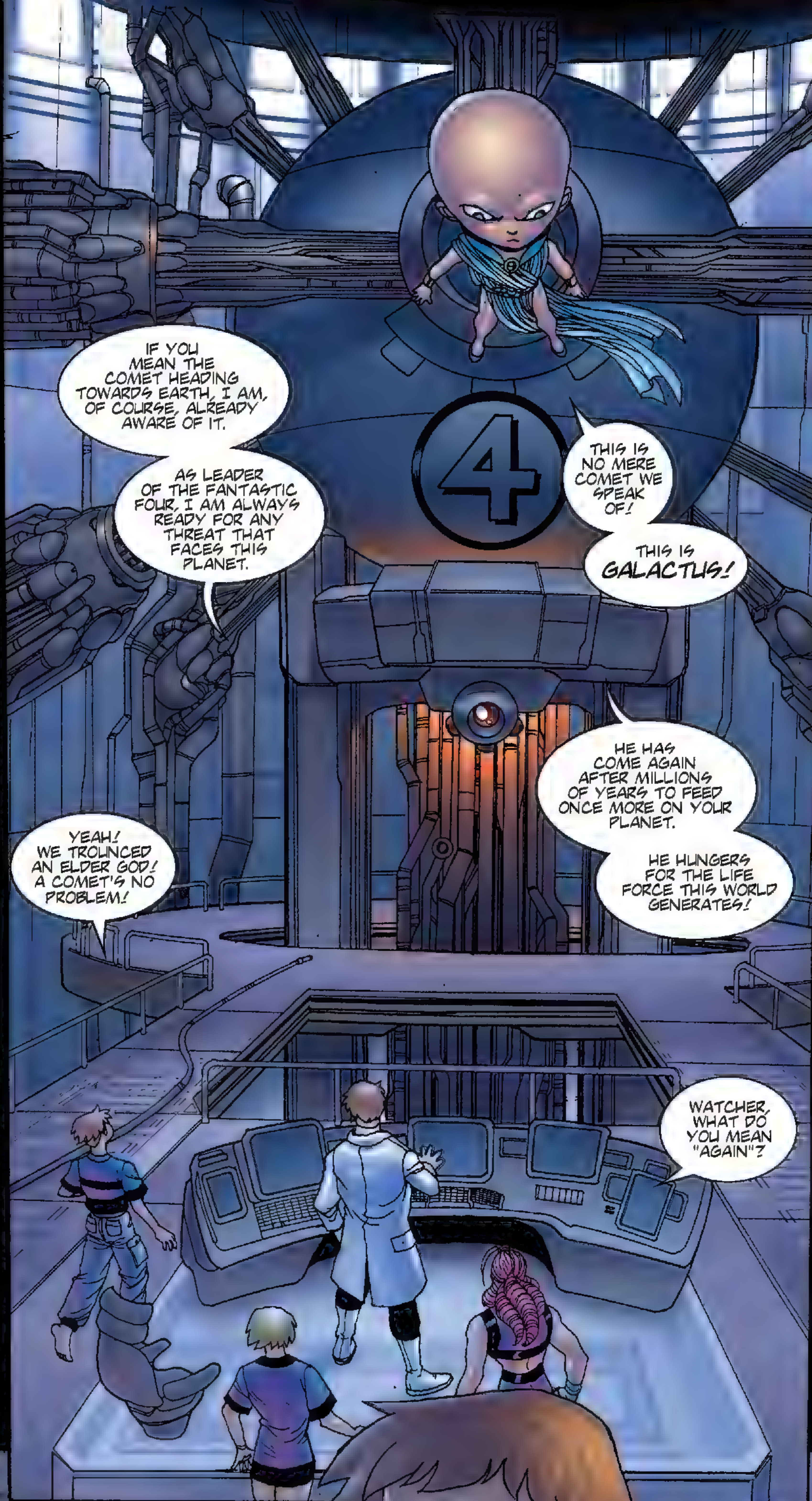
YOU MUST FORGIVE MY INTRUSION.

I AM UATU.

I AM THE **WATCHER!**

I COME TO WARN YOU THAT YOUR WORLD TEETERS ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!





IF YOU MEAN THE COMET HEADING TOWARDS EARTH, I AM, OF COURSE, ALREADY AWARE OF IT.

AS LEADER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, I AM ALWAYS READY FOR ANY THREAT THAT FACES THIS PLANET.

THIS IS NO MERE COMET WE SPEAK OF!

THIS IS GALACTUS!

HE HAS COME AGAIN AFTER MILLIONS OF YEARS TO FEED ONCE MORE ON YOUR PLANET.

HE HUNGERS FOR THE LIFE FORCE THIS WORLD GENERATES!

YEAH! WE TROLNCED AN ELDER GOD! A COMET'S NO PROBLEM!

WATCHER, WHAT DO YOU MEAN "AGAIN"?



GALACTUS WAS HERE DURING THE ERA OF THE DINOSAURS, FEEDING ON ALMOST ALL LIFE ON EARTH.

HE LEFT JUST ENOUGH LIFE FORCE FOR YOUR SPECIES TO RISE AND DOMINATE THE PLANET.



SO I GUESS IT WASN'T ALL BAD!

NOT UNLESS YOU WERE ONE OF THE DINOSAURS...



THE DIFFERENCE, WATCHER, IS THAT WE ARE NOT A BUNCH OF LUMBERING, PEA-BRAINED BEASTS!

WHATEVER THIS "GALACTUS" IS, I AM SURE WE CAN FIND THE MEANS TO DEFEND OURSELVES FROM IT.

AFTER ALL, THERE IS NOTHING THAT SCIENCE CANNOT SOLVE.

HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST YOU ANYWAY?

YA BARGE IN HERE WITH THAT MASSIVE CRANIUM OF YOURS AND SPILL SOME MUMBO-JUMBO ABOUT A PLANET EATIN' COMET AND YOU EXPECT US TO BUY IT?

JUST WHO ARE YOU?

I KNEW
YOUR NATURAL
SKEPTICISM
WOULD BE A
PROBLEM.

THEREFORE
LET ME LAY
FORTH THE
ORIGINS OF THE
UNIVERSE!

WHEN THIS
UNIVERSE WAS
CREATED, A LIVING
ENERGY FORCE CALLED
THE LIGHTGIVER SEEDED
THE COSMOS WITH
SENTIENT
LIFE.

THERE WERE
TWELVE ORIGINAL
LIFEBEARING WORLDS,
OF WHICH MY WORLD WAS
ONE. WE PURSUED KNOWLEDGE
THROUGH OBSERVATION, EVER
MINDFUL NEVER TO INTERFERE
IN THE AFFAIRS OF THOSE
WE OBSERVED.



I ALREADY
SEE A FLAW IN
YOUR EXPLANATION.
YOU SAY YOUR CREDO
IS NOT TO INTERFERE,
SO WHY ARE YOU
HERE NOW?

YEAH!
THAT'S
TELLIN' HIM,
REED!

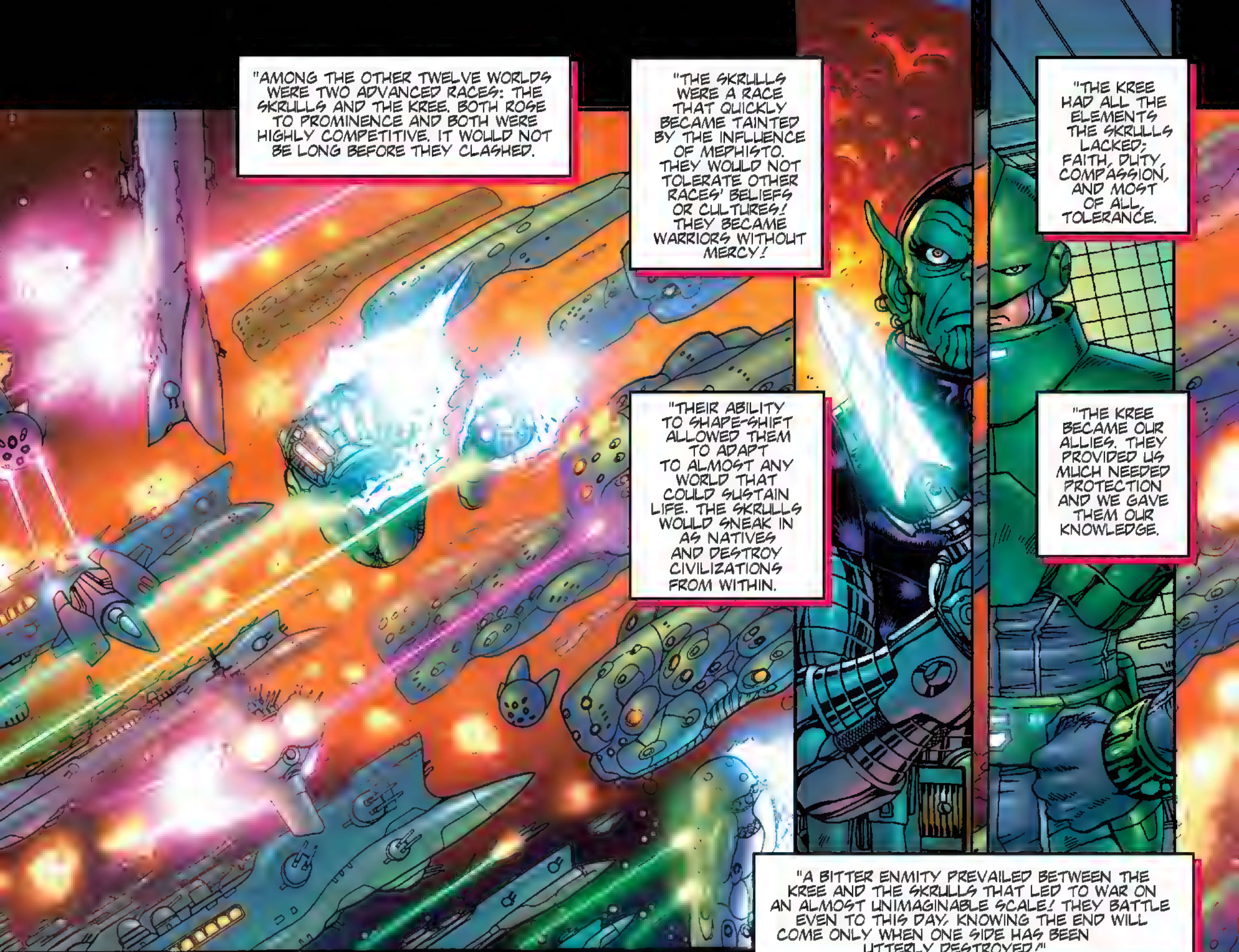
WHO DOES
HE THINK HE
IS? CAPTAIN
KIRK?

ALLOW ME
TO CONTINUE AND
ALL WILL BECOME
CLEAR.

ONE OF
THE TWELVE WORLDS
WAS A DARK, EVIL PLACE
RULED BY A TYRANT WHO
CALLED HIMSELF...
MEPHISTO!

HIS ORIGINS
ARE UNKNOWN
EVEN TO US, BUT
HE NURTURED THE
FORCES OF ANTI-LIFE
AND SPREAD DISEASE
ACROSS THE
UNIVERSE.





"AMONG THE OTHER TWELVE WORLDS WERE TWO ADVANCED RACES: THE SKRULLS AND THE KREE. BOTH ROSE TO PROMINENCE AND BOTH WERE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE. IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE THEY CLASHED.

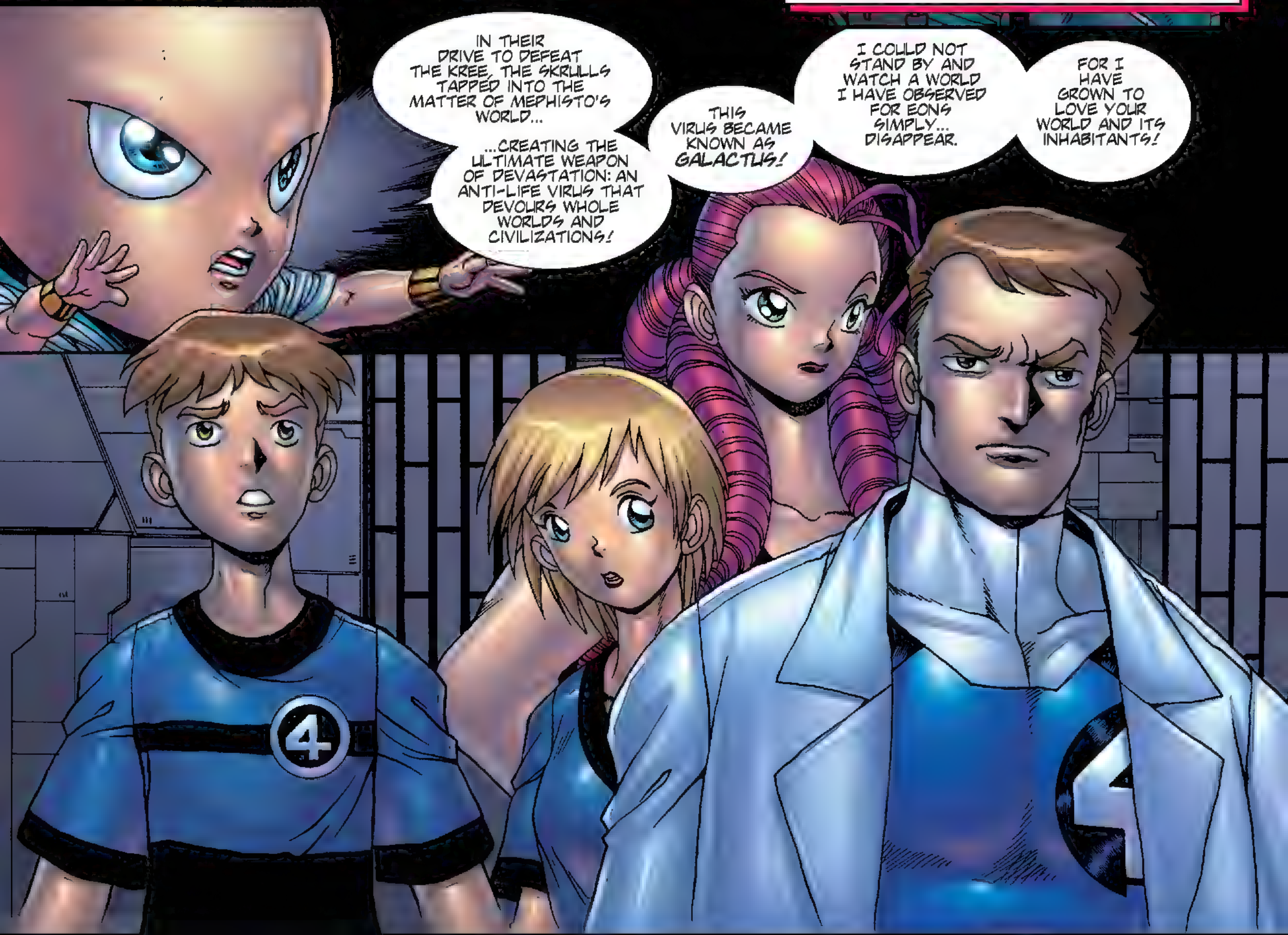
"THE SKRULLS WERE A RACE THAT QUICKLY BECAME TAINTED BY THE INFLUENCE OF MEPHISTO. THEY WOULD NOT TOLERATE OTHER RACES' BELIEFS OR CULTURES! THEY BECAME WARRIORS WITHOUT MERCY!

"THE KREE HAD ALL THE ELEMENTS THE SKRULLS LACKED: FAITH, DUTY, COMPASSION, AND MOST OF ALL, TOLERANCE.

"THEIR ABILITY TO SHAPE-SHIFT ALLOWED THEM TO ADAPT TO ALMOST ANY WORLD THAT COULD SUSTAIN LIFE. THE SKRULLS WOULD SNEAK IN AS NATIVES AND DESTROY CIVILIZATIONS FROM WITHIN.

"THE KREE BECAME OUR ALLIES. THEY PROVIDED US MUCH NEEDED PROTECTION AND WE GAVE THEM OUR KNOWLEDGE.

"A BITTER ENMITY PREVAILED BETWEEN THE KREE AND THE SKRULLS THAT LED TO WAR ON AN ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE SCALE! THEY BATTLE EVEN TO THIS DAY, KNOWING THE END WILL COME ONLY WHEN ONE SIDE HAS BEEN UTTERLY DESTROYED!"



IN THEIR DRIVE TO DEFEAT THE KREE, THE SKRULLS TAPPED INTO THE MATTER OF MEPHISTO'S WORLD...

...CREATING THE ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DEVASTATION: AN ANTI-LIFE VIRUS THAT DEVOURS WHOLE WORLDS AND CIVILIZATIONS!

THIS VIRUS BECAME KNOWN AS GALACTUS!

I COULD NOT STAND BY AND WATCH A WORLD I HAVE OBSERVED FOR EONS SIMPLY... DISAPPEAR.

FOR I HAVE GROWN TO LOVE YOUR WORLD AND ITS INHABITANTS!

WE KNEW GALACTUS POSED A THREAT TO THE ENTIRE GALAXY. IN ORDER TO COMBAT THIS SPREAD OF EVIL, SPECIAL KREE WARRIORS, CALLED "CAPTAINS" WERE DISPATCHED TO ALL SECTORS OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.

THESE CAPTAINS WOULD SECRETLY GUARD PLANETS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN GALACTUS' PATH. THEY REMAINED ON THESE WORLDS AS LONG AS NECESSARY. SOME EVEN BECAME PART OF THE SOCIETIES THEY WERE PROTECTING.

THE GUARDIAN OF THIS WORLD WAS KNOWN AS **CAPTAIN MARV-ELL!**

WATCHER, WHERE IS THIS GREAT KREE WARRIOR?

THOUGH THE KREE LIVE MUCH LONGER THAN HUMANS, EVEN THEY MUST RETURN TO THE COSMIC DUST.

THE ONE KNOWN AS MARV-ELL IS NO LONGER WITH US.

ARE YOU TELLING US THAT THIS GUY IS DEAD?

WELL... YES.

THOUGH HIS PHYSICAL FORM IS NO MORE, HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON IN THE BODY OF HIS THIRTEEN YEAR OLD SON.

I DON'T FREAKIN' BELIEVE THIS!

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THE FATE OF THE EARTH IS IN THE HANDS OF SOME SNOT-NOSED KID?

HOW DO YOU THINK AN EARTH BORN CHILD WOULD REACT IF I WERE TO SUDDENLY CONFRONT HIM?

UH... YEAH. GOOD POINT.

WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU COME TO WASTE OUR TIME THEN? WHY DON'T YOU GO GET THIS KID YOURSELF?

BESIDES, I DO NOT KNOW HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. I REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE.

ARE YOU INSANE? DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY THIRTEEN YEAR OLD BOYS ARE IN NEW YORK ALONE? IT COULD TAKE MONTHS!

HOLD ON, BEN. IF THE WATCHER CAN GIVE ME A SAMPLE OF KREE D.N.A., I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM DOWN.

AFTER ALL, THERE SHOULDN'T BE THAT MANY KREE/HUMAN HYBRIDS RUNNING AROUND.

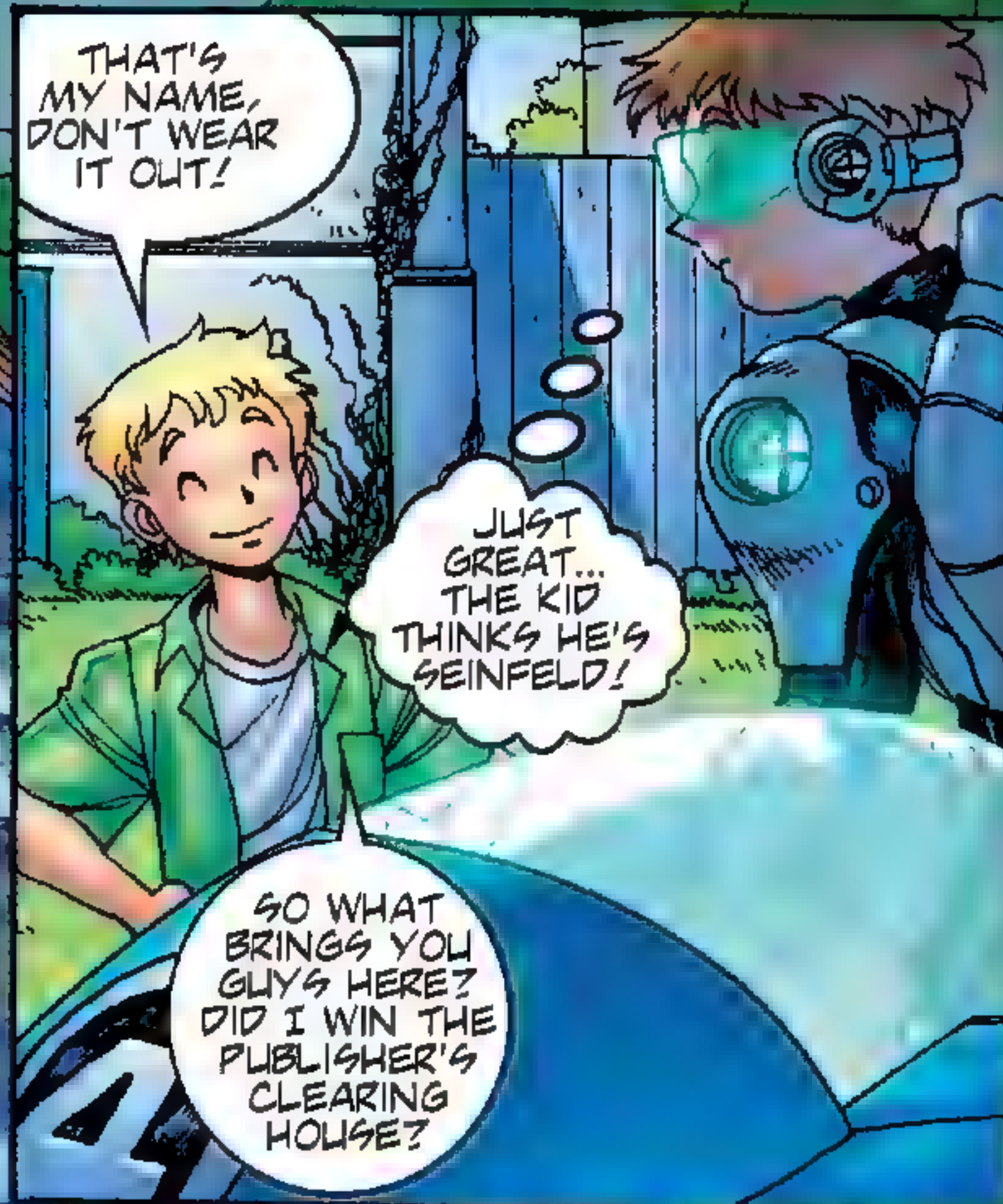
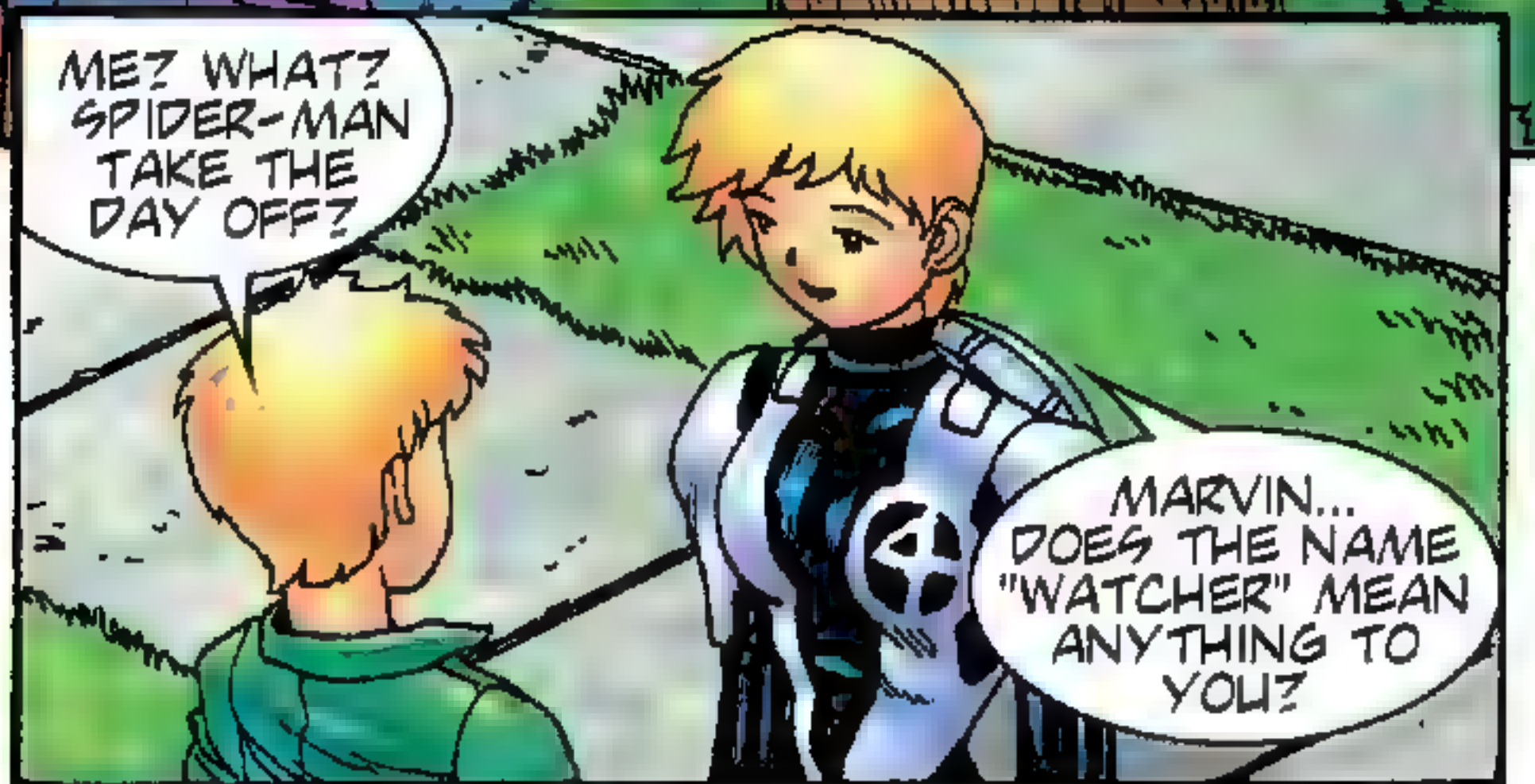
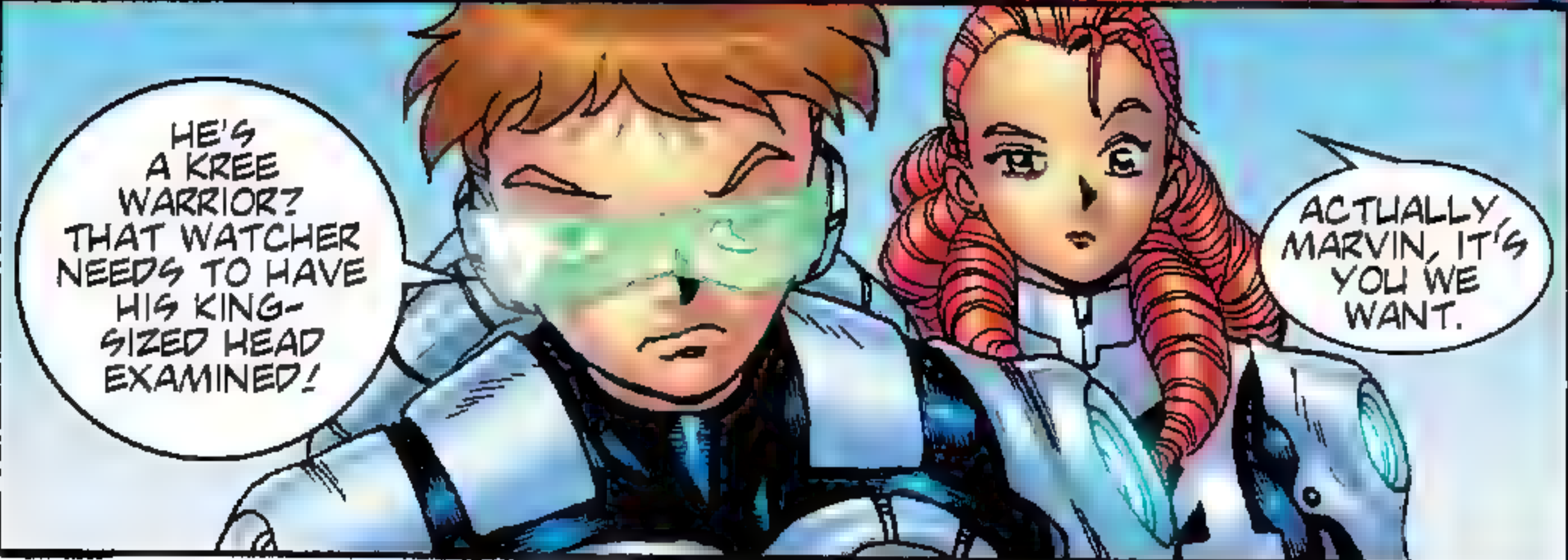
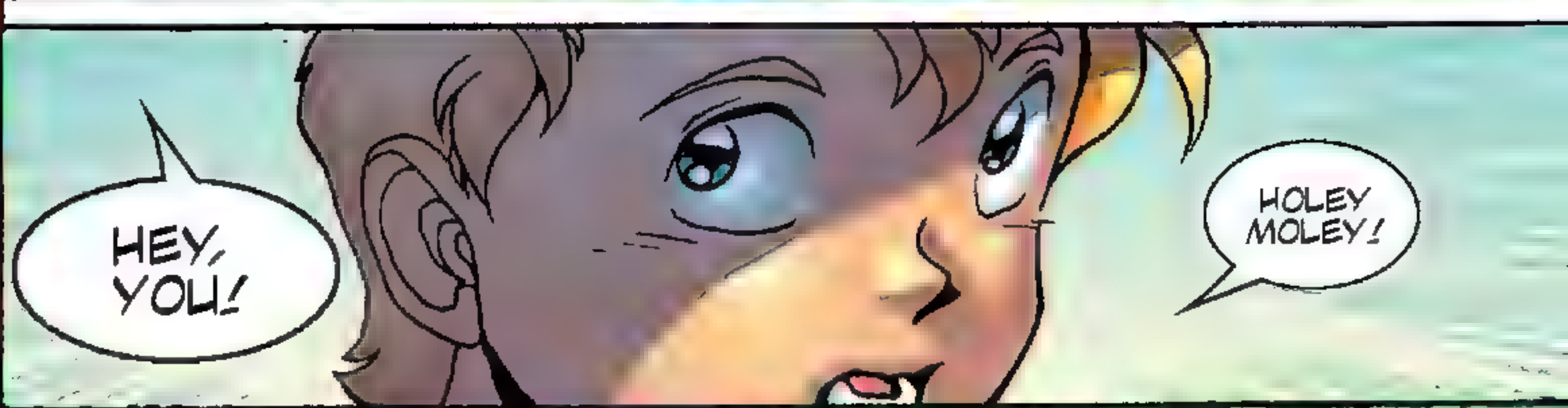
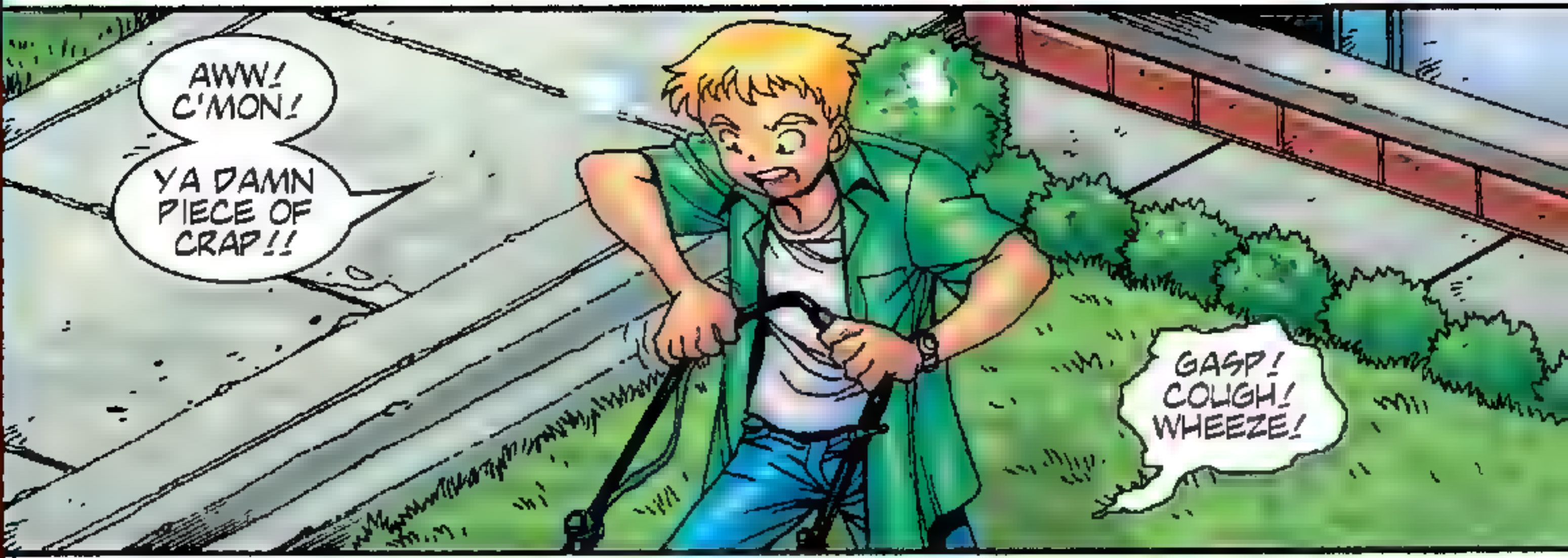
I HOPE.

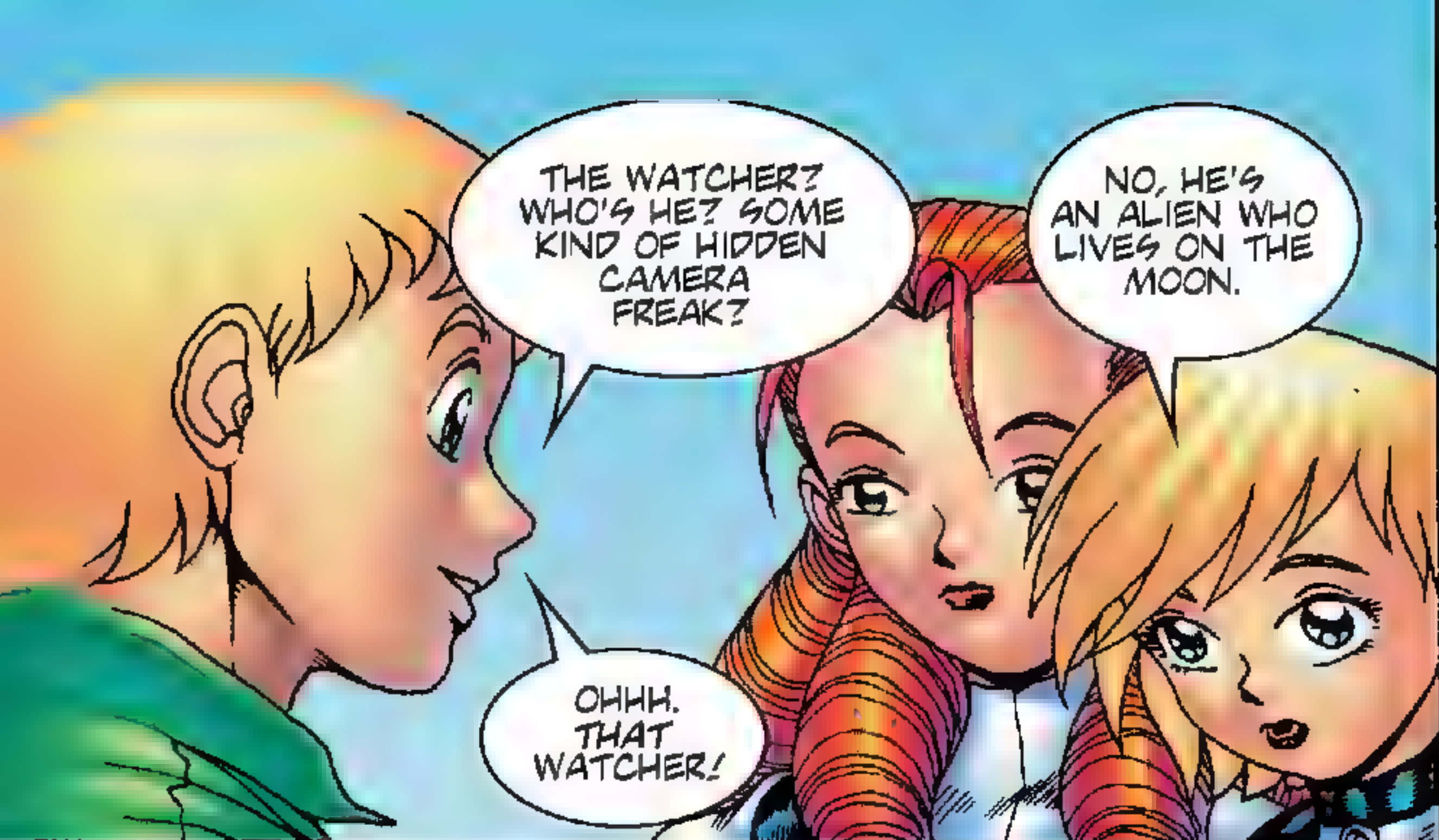
REED! YOU'RE NOT GONNA...

WHY NOT, BEN? WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE IF WHAT THE WATCHER SAYS IS TRUE?

A WISE CHOICE. COME. WE HAVE MUCH TO DO.

AND LITTLE TIME TO DO IT!

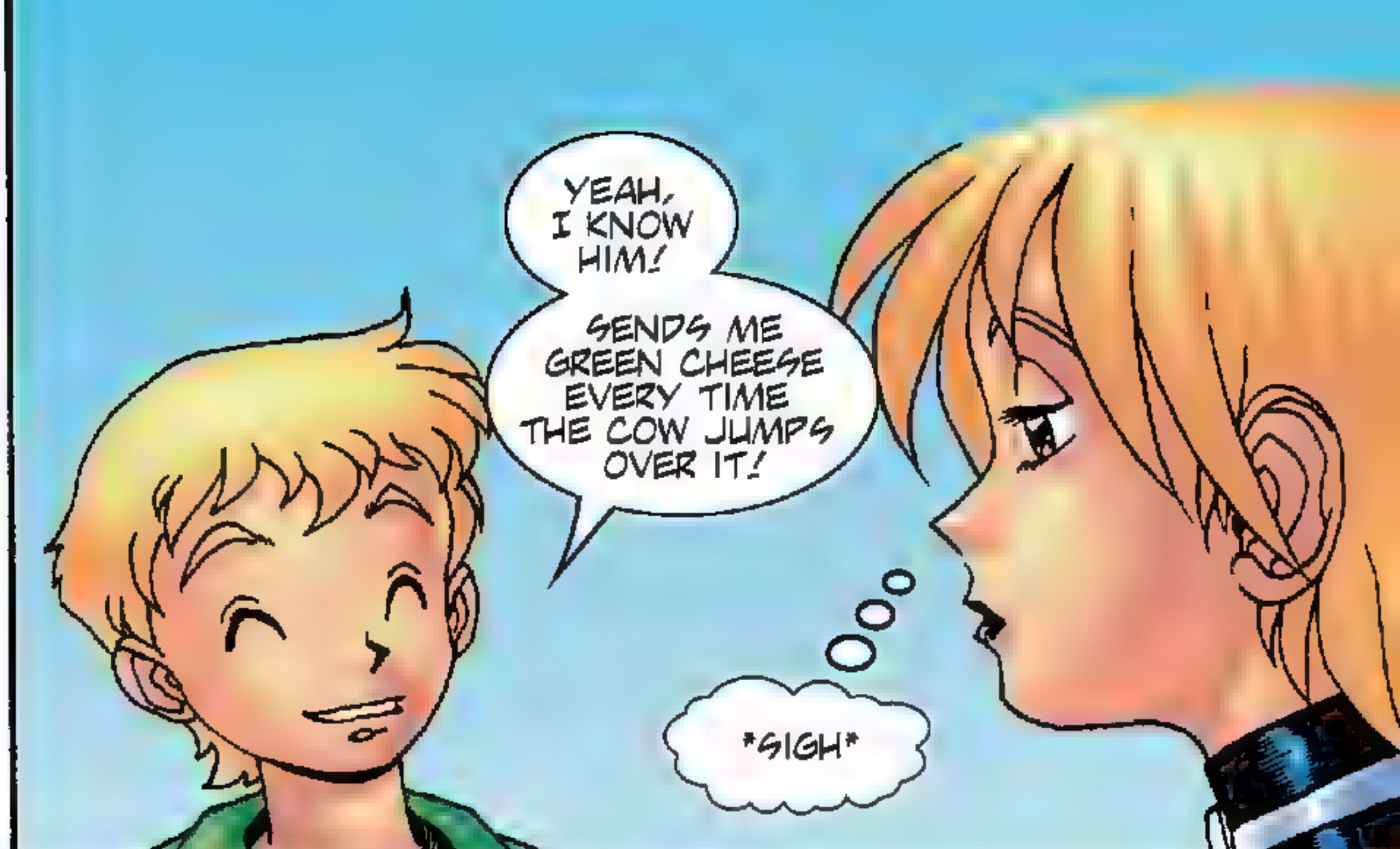




THE WATCHER?
WHO'S HE? SOME
KIND OF HIDDEN
CAMERA
FREAK?

NO, HE'S
AN ALIEN WHO
LIVES ON THE
MOON.

OHhh.
THAT
WATCHER!



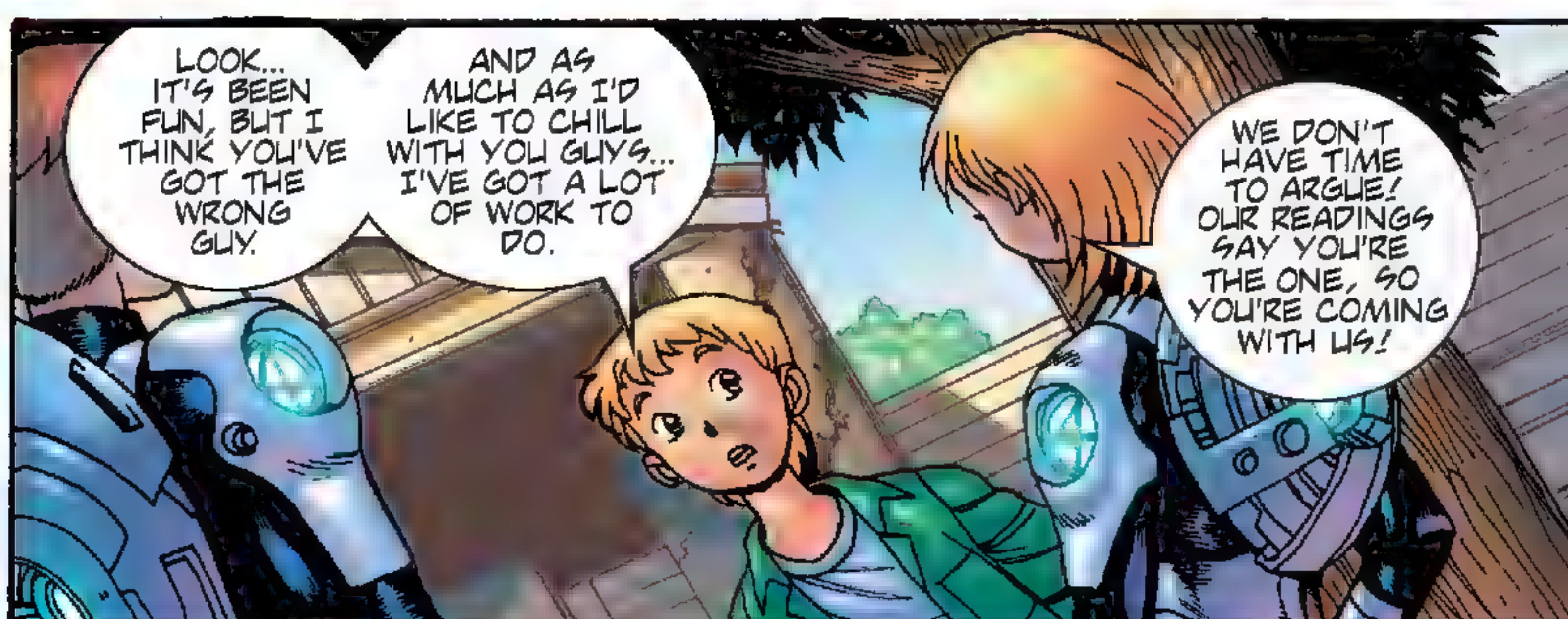
YEAH,
I KNOW
HIM!
SENDS ME
GREEN CHEESE
EVERY TIME
THE COW JUMPS
OVER IT!

SIGH



HE'S NOT
TAKING YOU
VERY SERIOUSLY,
HUH, SILOUX?

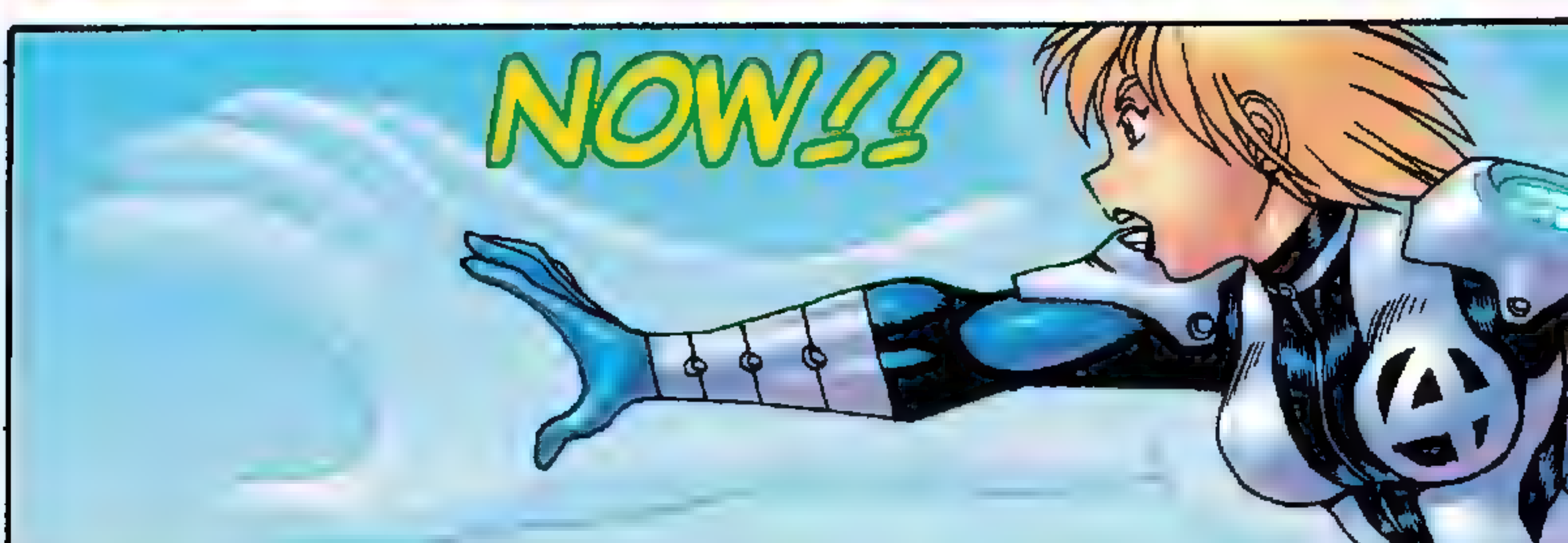
GRRRR...



LOOK...
IT'S BEEN
FUN, BUT I
THINK YOU'VE
GOT THE
WRONG
GUY.

AND AS
MUCH AS I'D
LIKE TO CHILL
WITH YOU GUYS...
I'VE GOT A LOT
OF WORK TO
DO.

WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO ARGUE!
OUR READINGS
SAY YOU'RE
THE ONE, SO
YOU'RE COMING
WITH US!



NOW!!

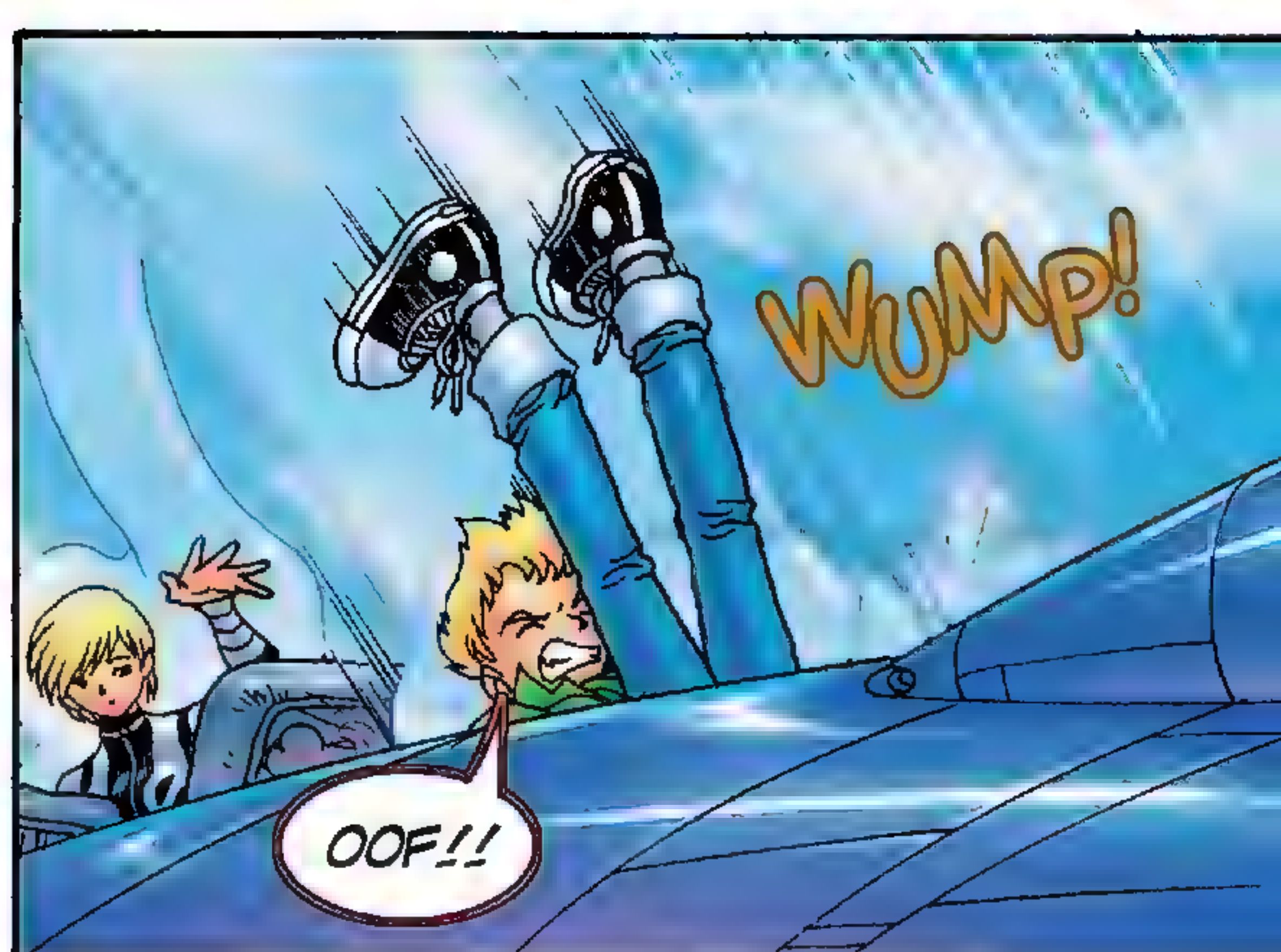


HEY!
LET ME
GO!

I SWEAR
I NEVER HEARD
OF THIS WATCHER
DUDE! YOU GOT
ME MIXED UP
WITH SOMEONE
ELSE!

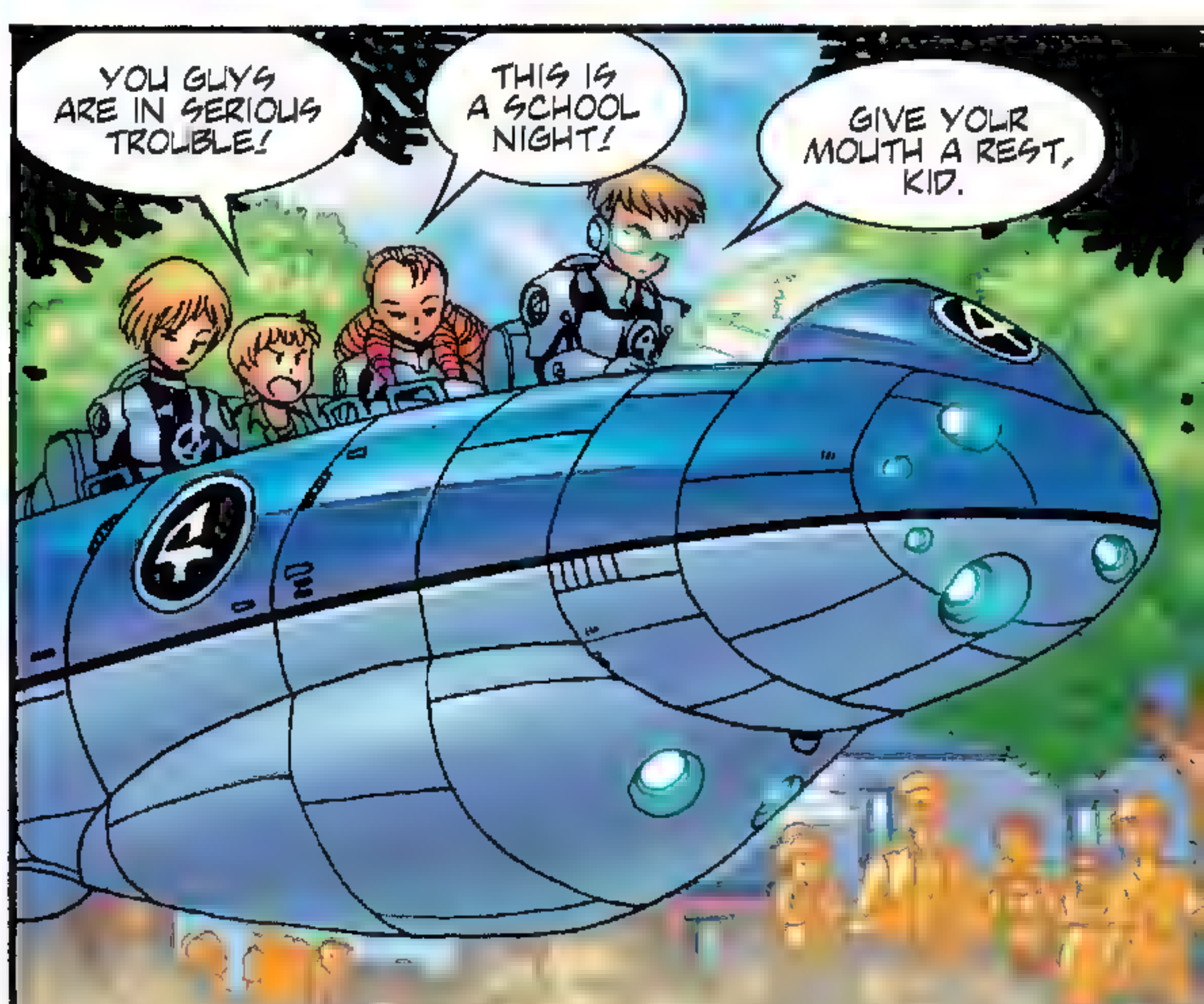
I HOPE
THIS IS
LEGAL.

GUESS
WE'LL FIND
OUT.



WUMP!

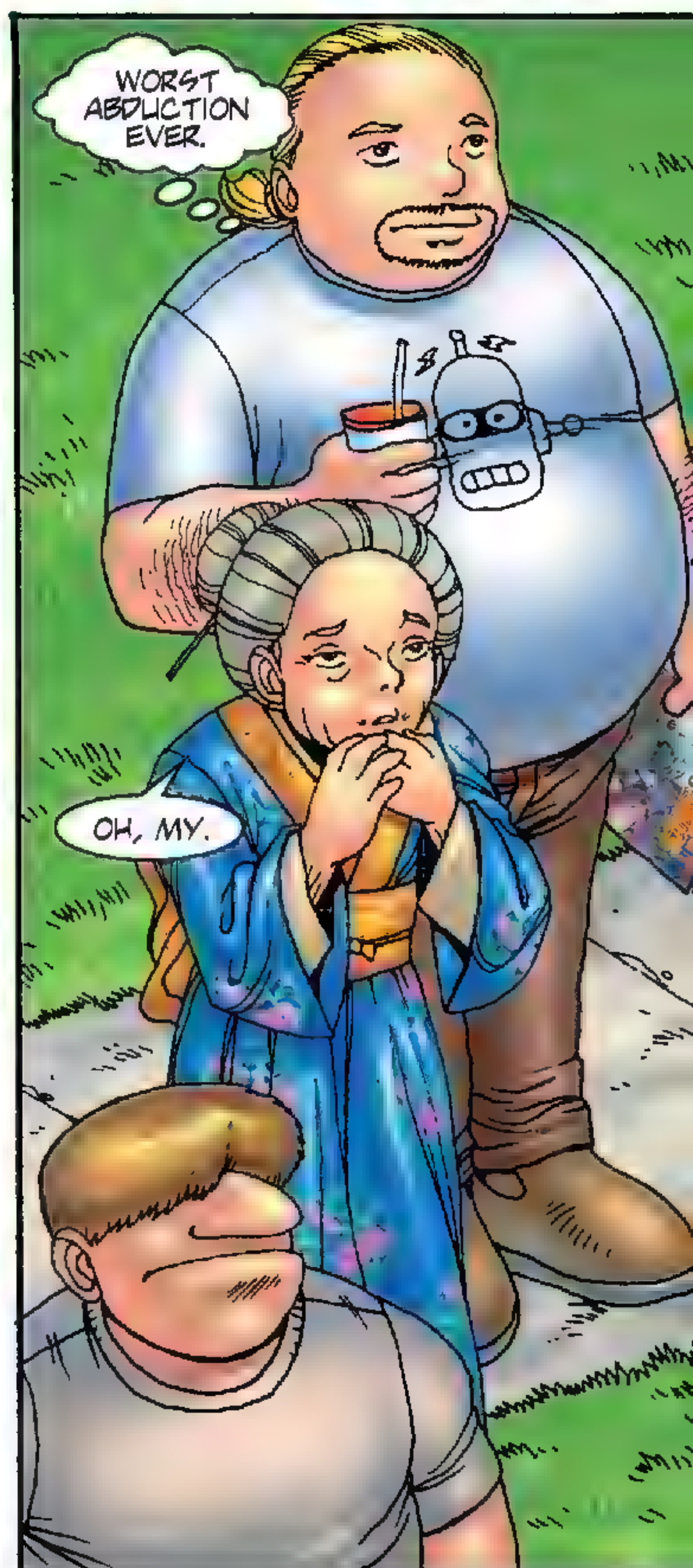
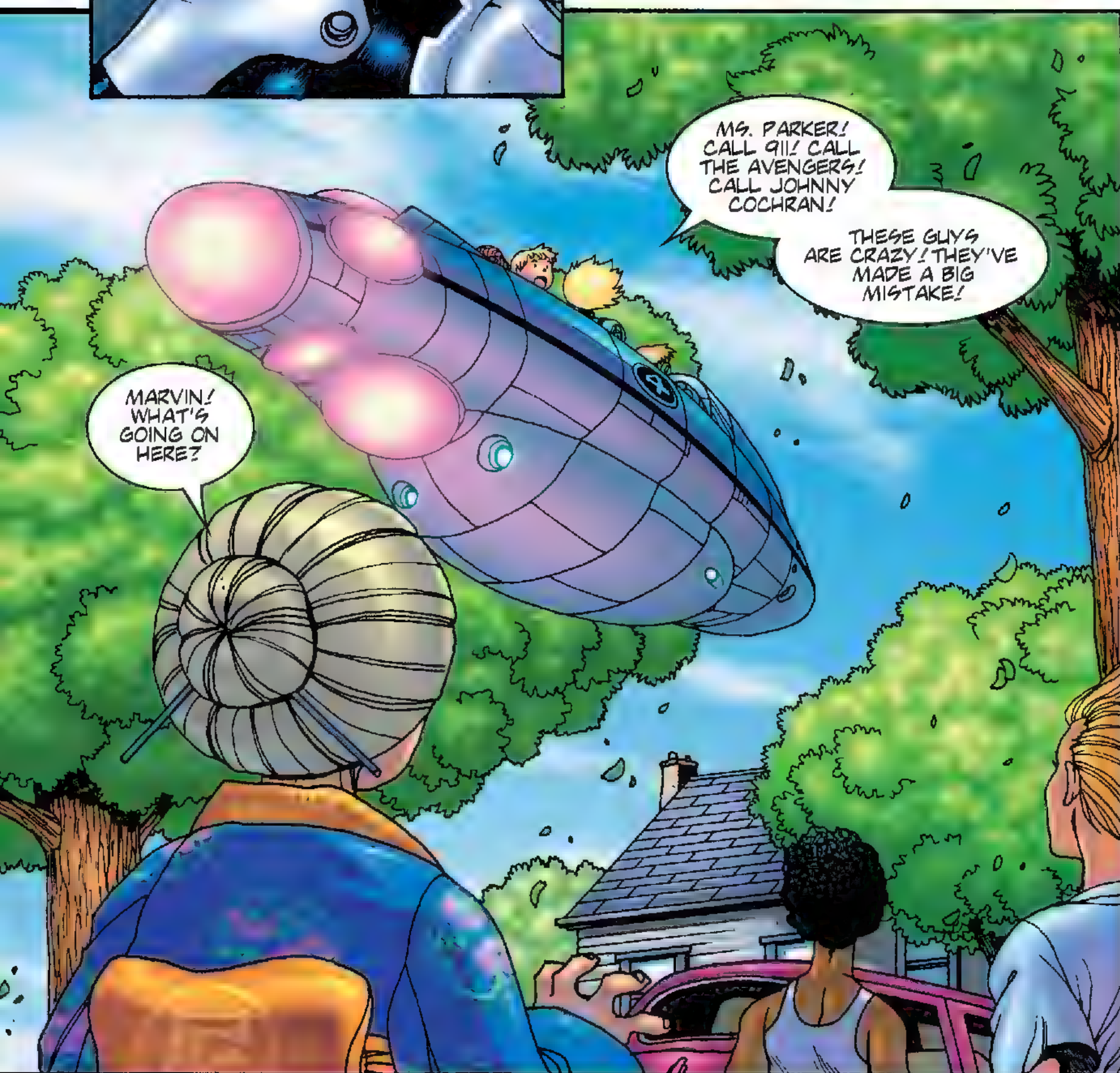
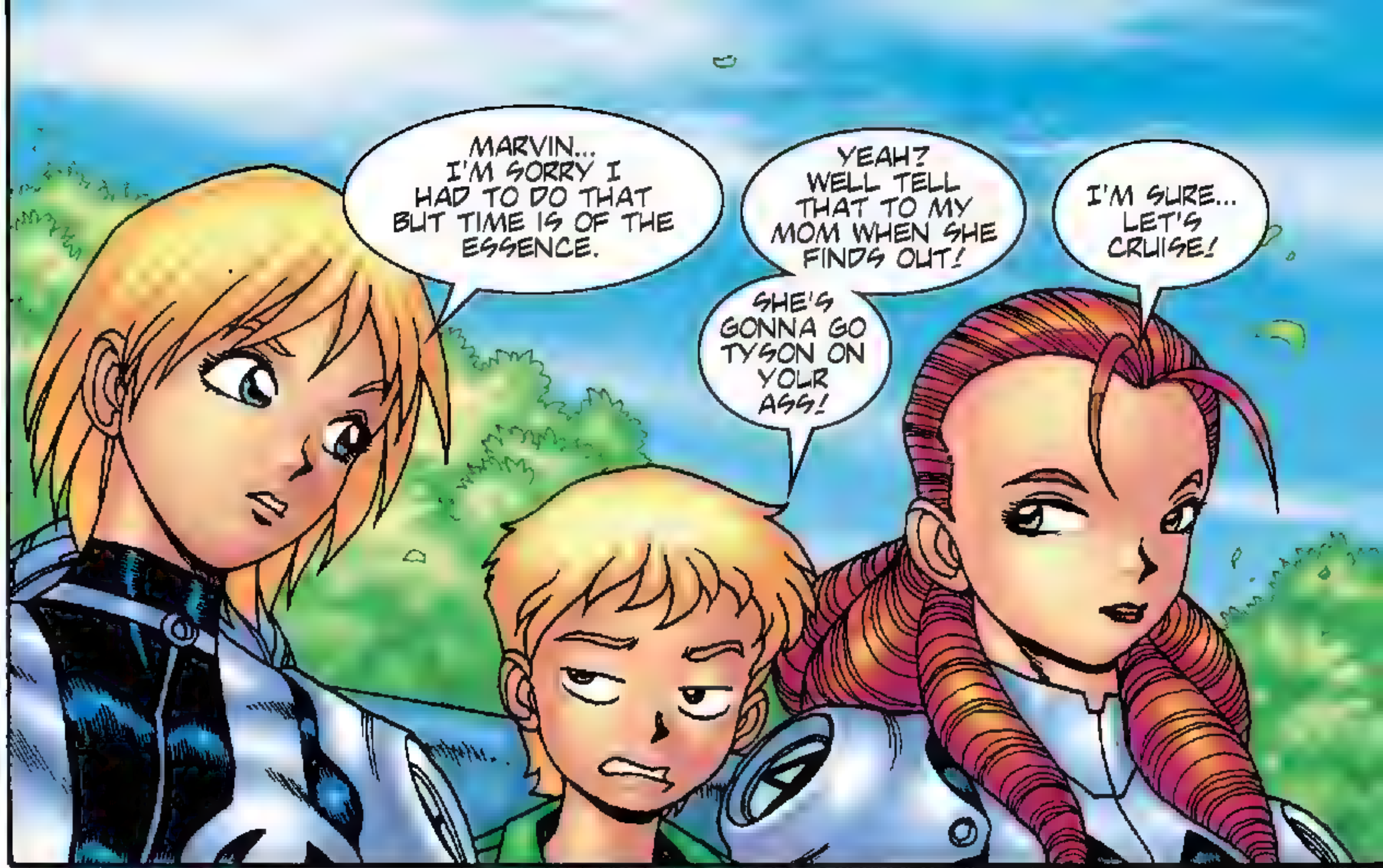
OOF!!



YOU GUYS
ARE IN SERIOUS
TROUBLE!

THIS IS
A SCHOOL
NIGHT!

GIVE YOUR
MOUTH A REST,
KID.





THE EARTH'S MOON.

THE SPACE COMMAND DEFENSE NETWORK.

THE "RICHARDS BARRIER" IS NOW IN PLACE.

MEGA PLASMA CANNONS ARE IN POSITION. GAMMA MISSILES ARMED AND READY TO FLY, SIR.

GENERAL ROSS! WE HAVE A CODE ALPHA FROM EARTH.

IT'S DR. RICHARDS.

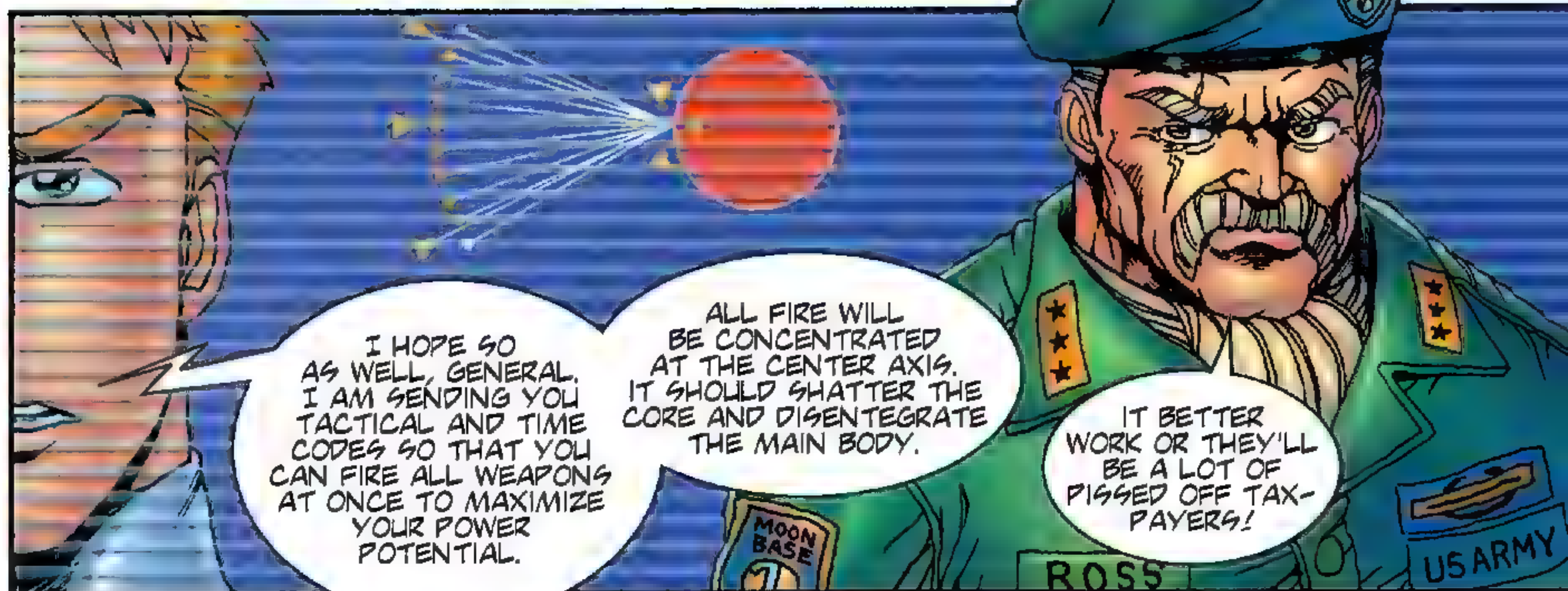


IT'S ABOUT TIME!

PUT HIM ON.

GENERAL ROSS, I TRUST YOU HAVE THE ENTIRE BATTERY IN PLACE?

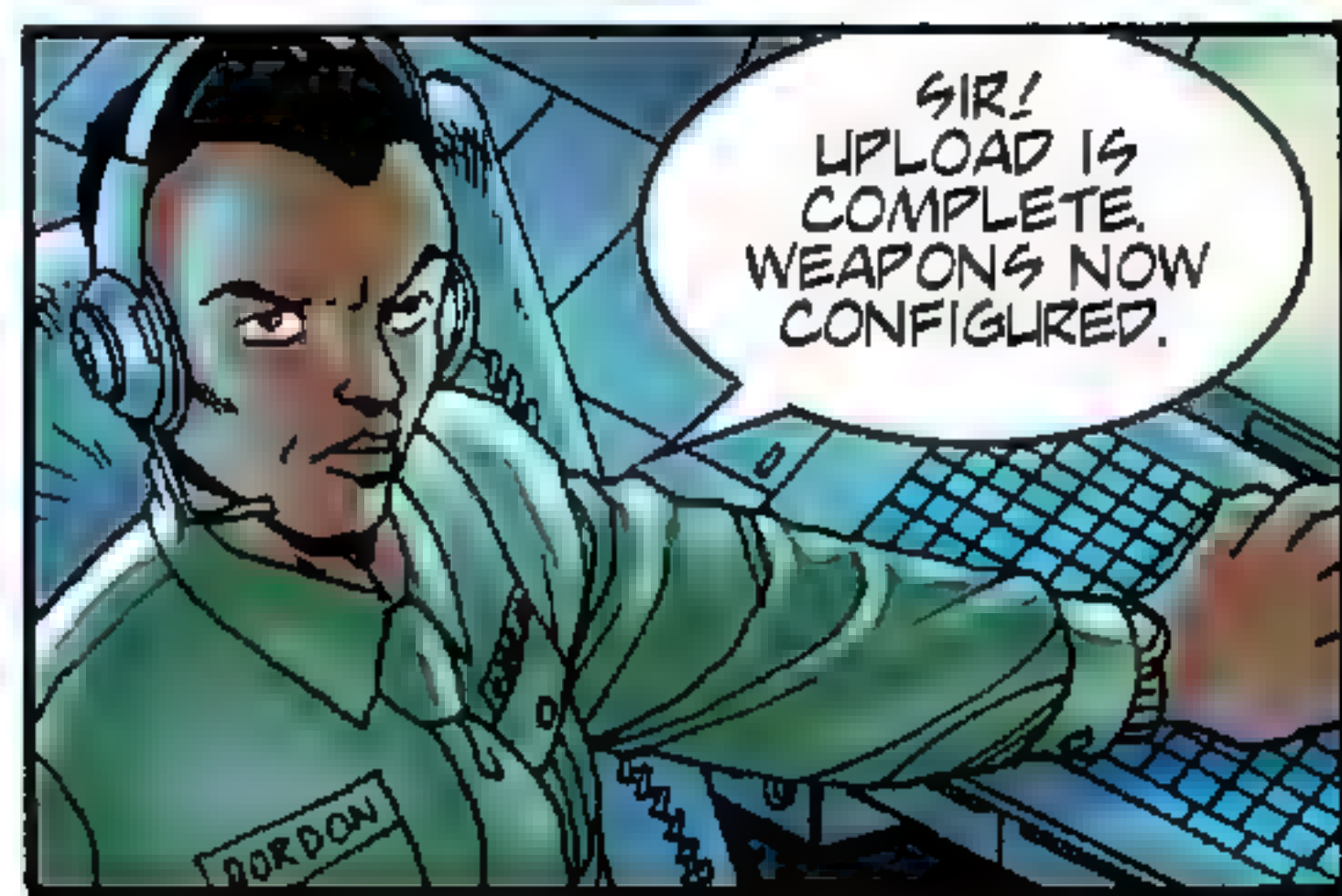
GOT THAT RIGHT! I JUST HOPE YOUR NEW-FANGLED WEAPONS CAN STOP THIS THING!



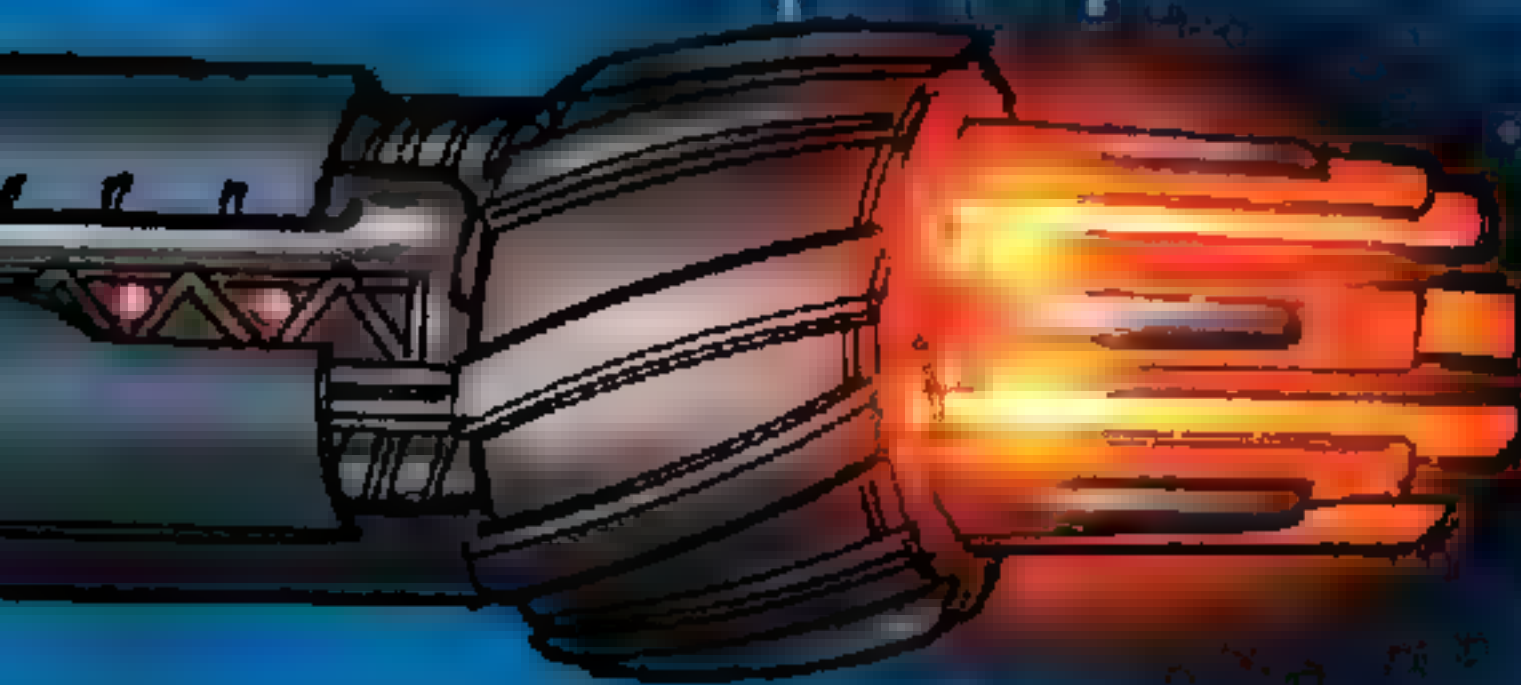
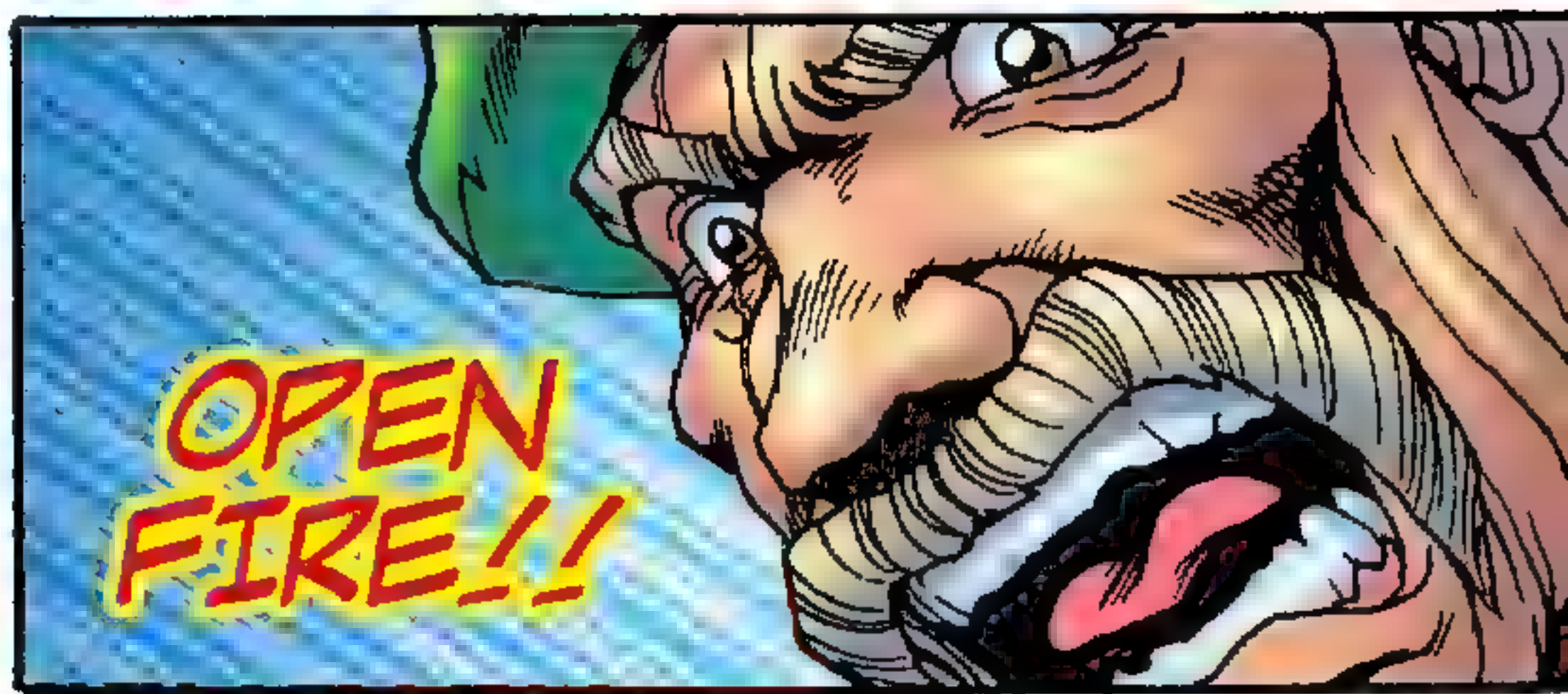
I HOPE SO AS WELL, GENERAL. I AM SENDING YOU TACTICAL AND TIME CODES SO THAT YOU CAN FIRE ALL WEAPONS AT ONCE TO MAXIMIZE YOUR POWER POTENTIAL.

ALL FIRE WILL BE CONCENTRATED AT THE CENTER AXIS. IT SHOULD SHATTER THE CORE AND DISENTEGRATE THE MAIN BODY.

IT BETTER WORK OR THEY'LL BE A LOT OF PISSSED OFF TAX-PAYERS!



SIR! UPLOAD IS COMPLETE. WEAPONS NOW CONFIGURED.

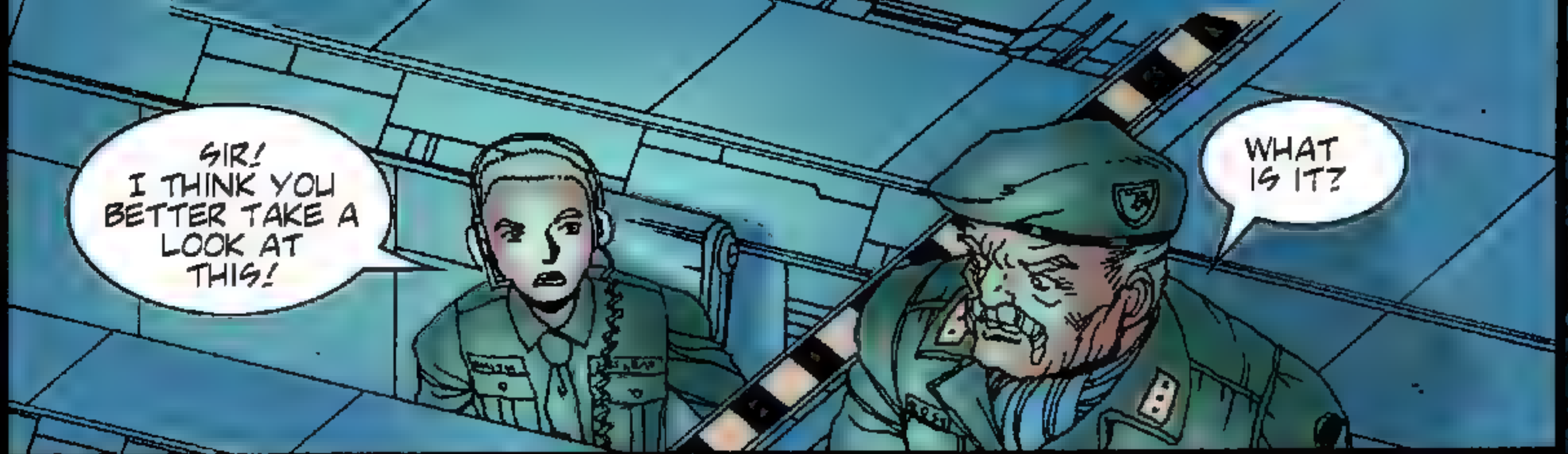




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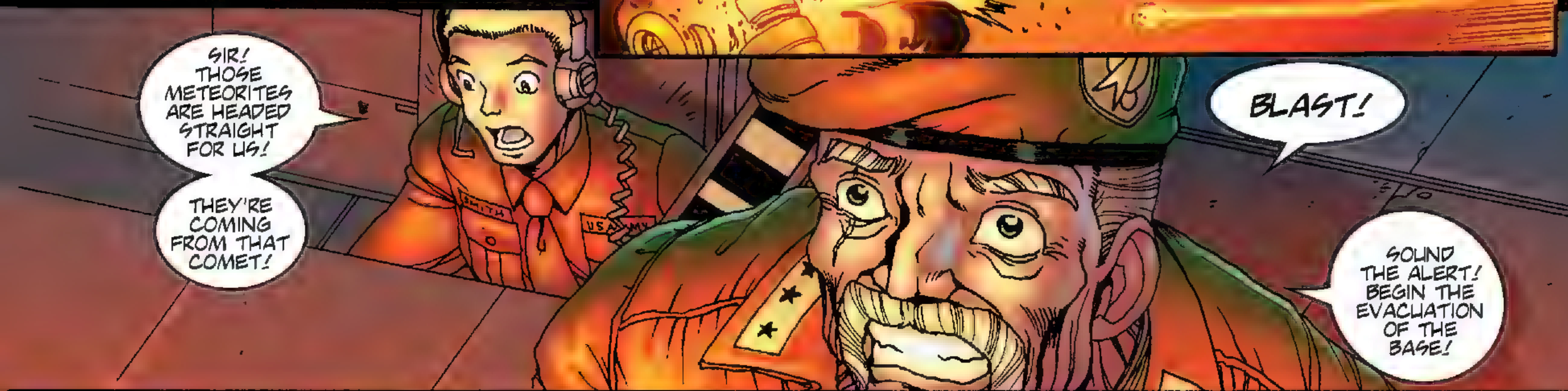
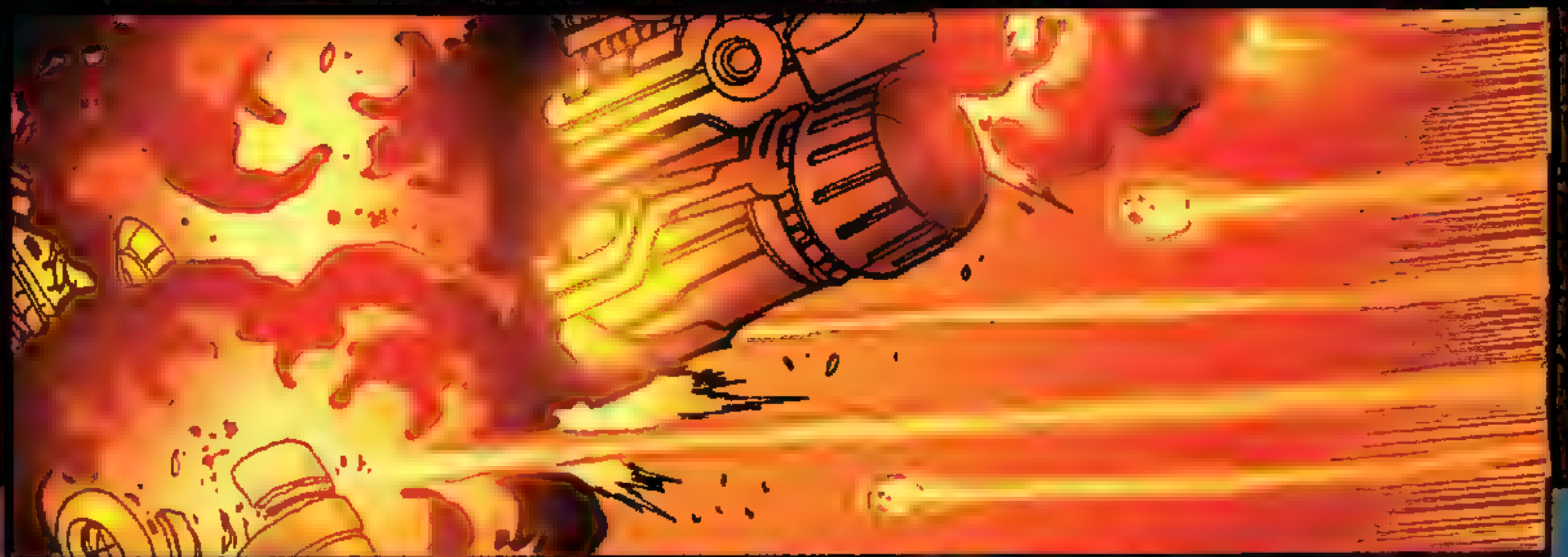
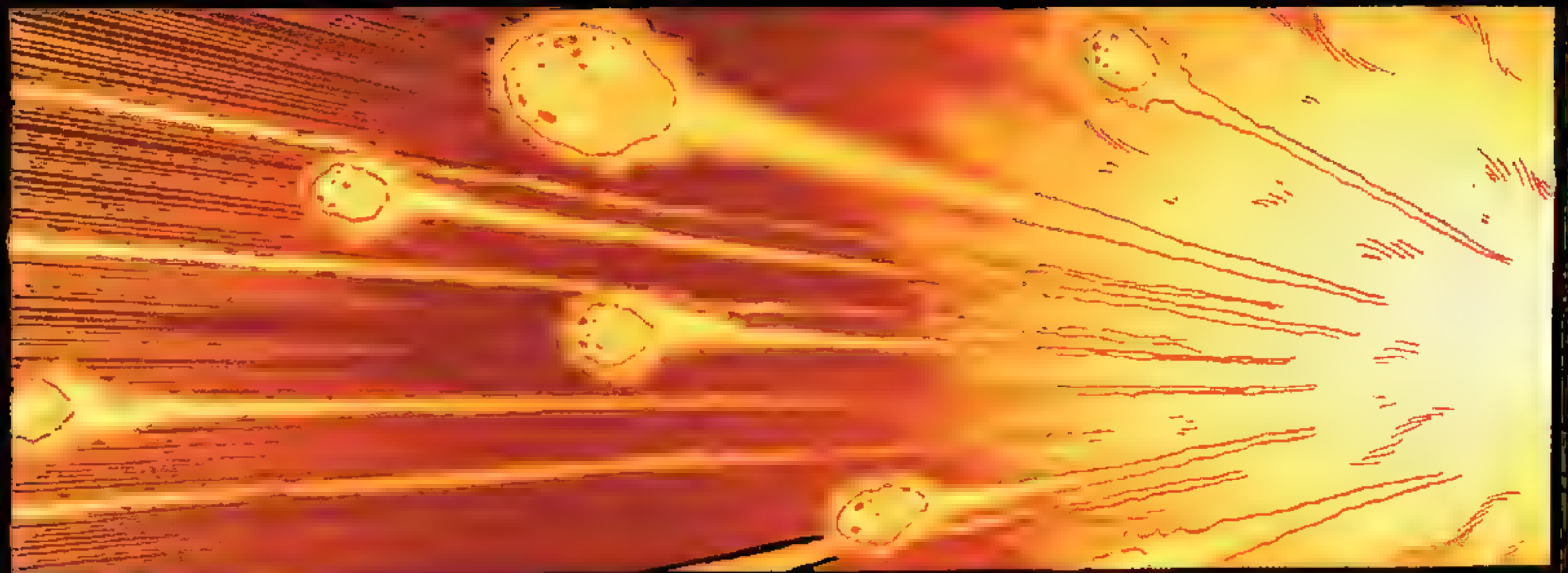
WE DID IT!!

THANK GOD.



SIR!
I THINK YOU
BETTER TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS!

WHAT
IS IT?



SIR!
THOSE
METEORITES
ARE HEADED
STRAIGHT
FOR US!

THEY'RE
COMING
FROM THAT
COMET!

BLAST!

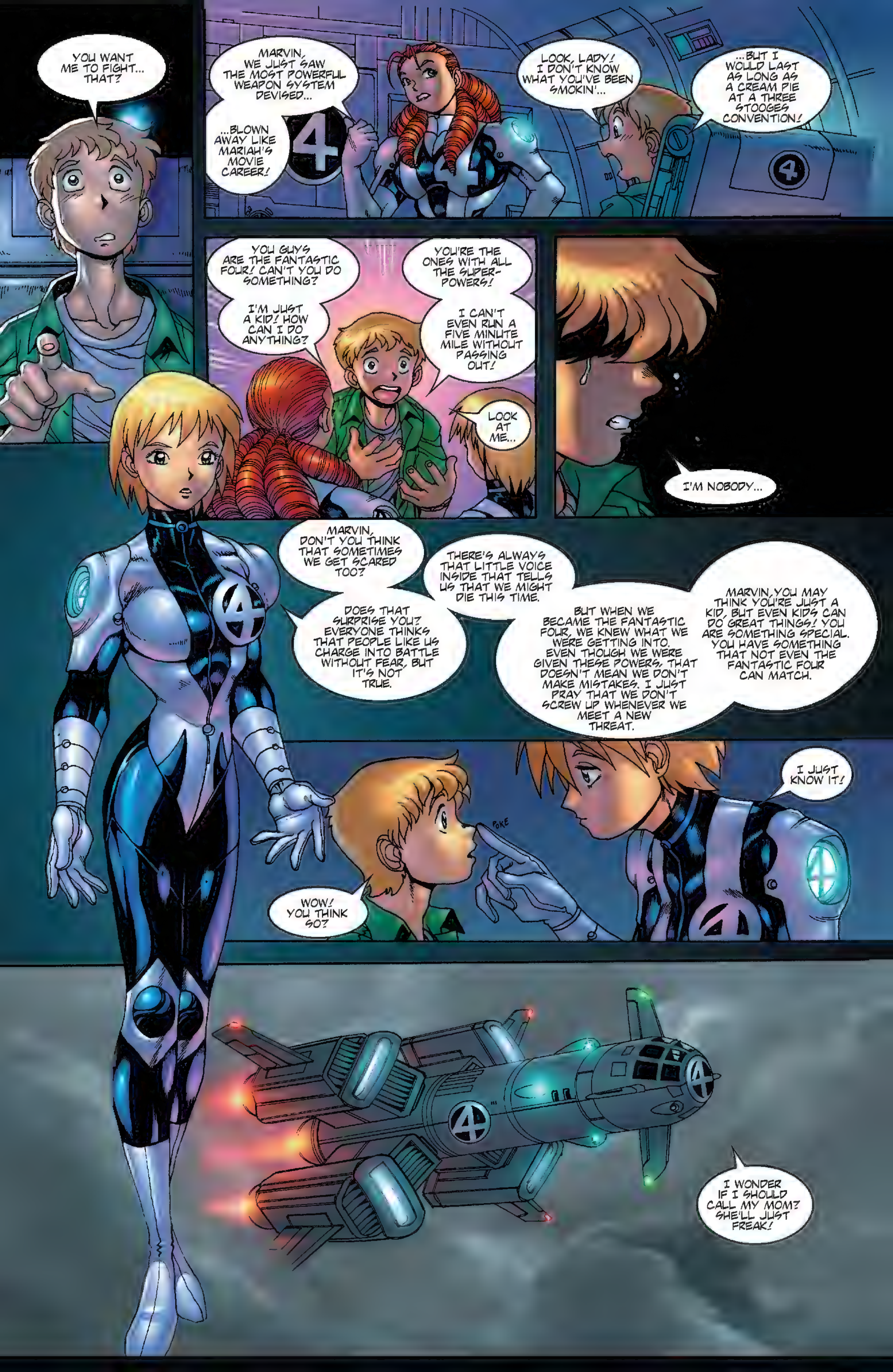
SOUND
THE ALERT!
BEGIN THE
EVACUATION
OF THE
BASE!



MOONBASE
TO EARTH...
ATTACK WAS
UNSUCCESSFUL...
WE ARE UNDER
BOMBARD-
MENT...

CAN'T
MAINTAIN
TRANS...





YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT... THAT?

MARVIN, WE JUST SAW THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON SYSTEM DEvised...

...BLOWN AWAY LIKE MARIAH'S MOVIE CAREER!

LOOK, LADY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN SMOKIN'...

...BUT I WOULD LAST AS LONG AS A CREAM PIE AT A THREE STOOGES CONVENTION!

YOU GUYS ARE THE FANTASTIC FOUR! CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?

YOU'RE THE ONES WITH ALL THE SUPER-POWERS!

I'M JUST A KID! HOW CAN I DO ANYTHING?

I CAN'T EVEN RUN A FIVE MINUTE MILE WITHOUT PASSING OUT!

LOOK AT ME...

I'M NOBODY...

MARVIN, DON'T YOU THINK THAT SOMETIMES WE GET SCARED TOO?

THERE'S ALWAYS THAT LITTLE VOICE INSIDE THAT TELLS US THAT WE MIGHT DIE THIS TIME.

DOES THAT SURPRISE YOU? EVERYONE THINKS THAT PEOPLE LIKE US CHARGE INTO BATTLE WITHOUT FEAR, BUT IT'S NOT TRUE.

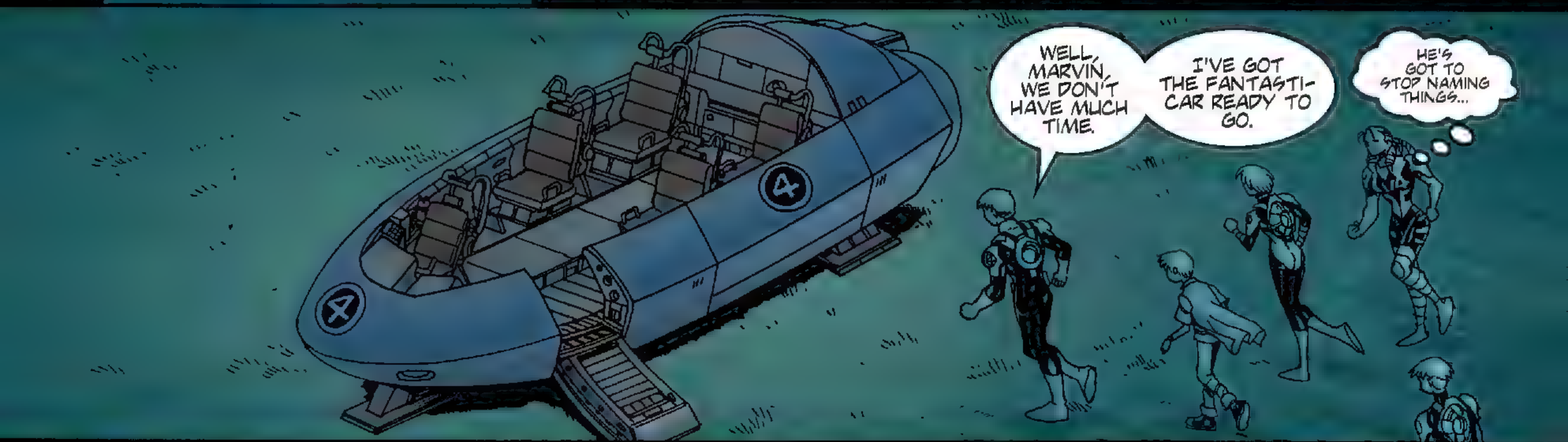
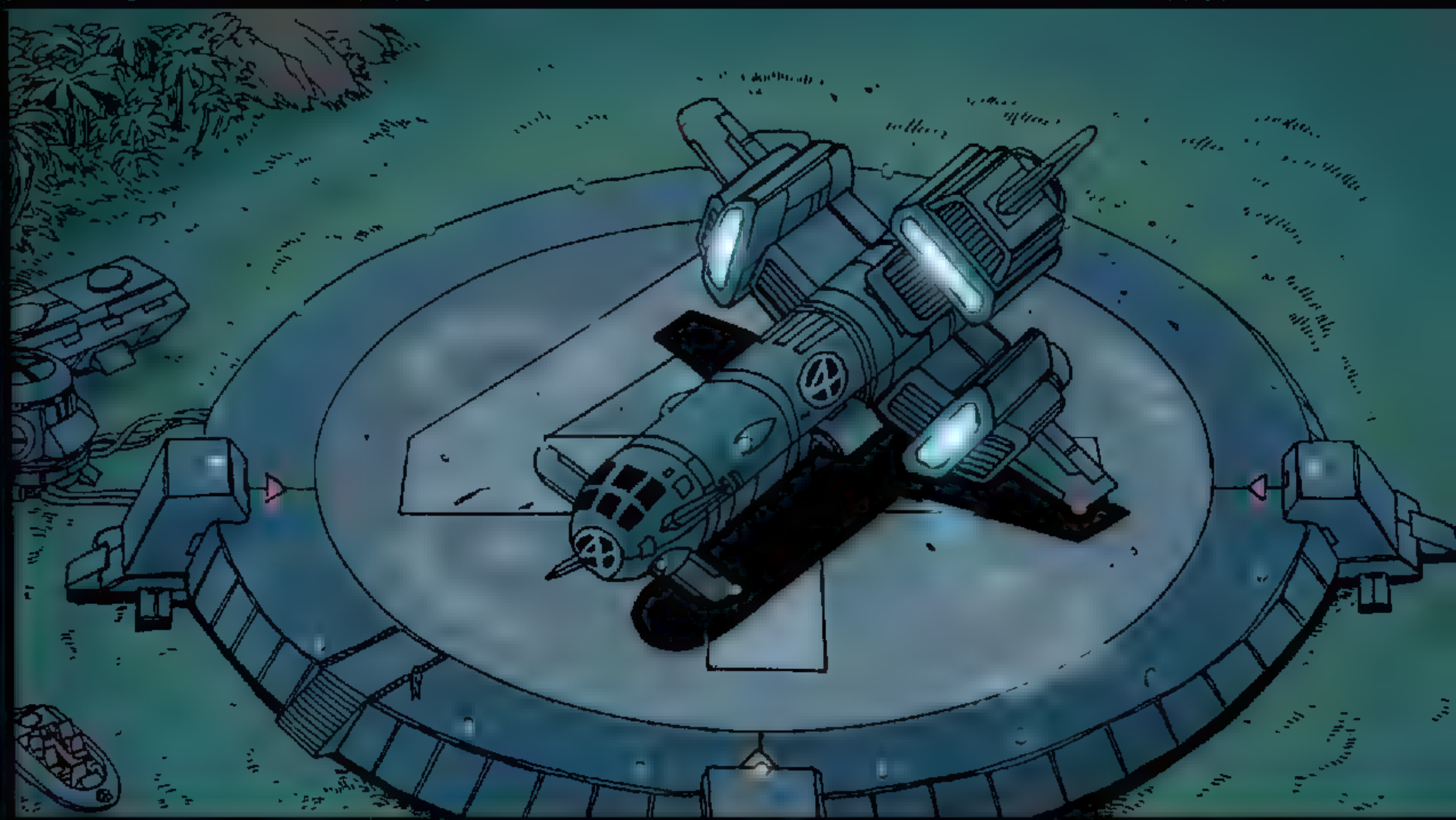
BUT WHEN WE BECAME THE FANTASTIC FOUR, WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE GETTING INTO. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE GIVEN THESE POWERS, THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE DON'T MAKE MISTAKES. I JUST PRAY THAT WE DON'T SCREW UP WHENEVER WE MEET A NEW THREAT.

MARVIN, YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE JUST A KID, BUT EVEN KIDS CAN DO GREAT THINGS! YOU ARE SOMETHING SPECIAL. YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT NOT EVEN THE FANTASTIC FOUR CAN MATCH.

WOW! YOU THINK SO?

I JUST KNOW IT!

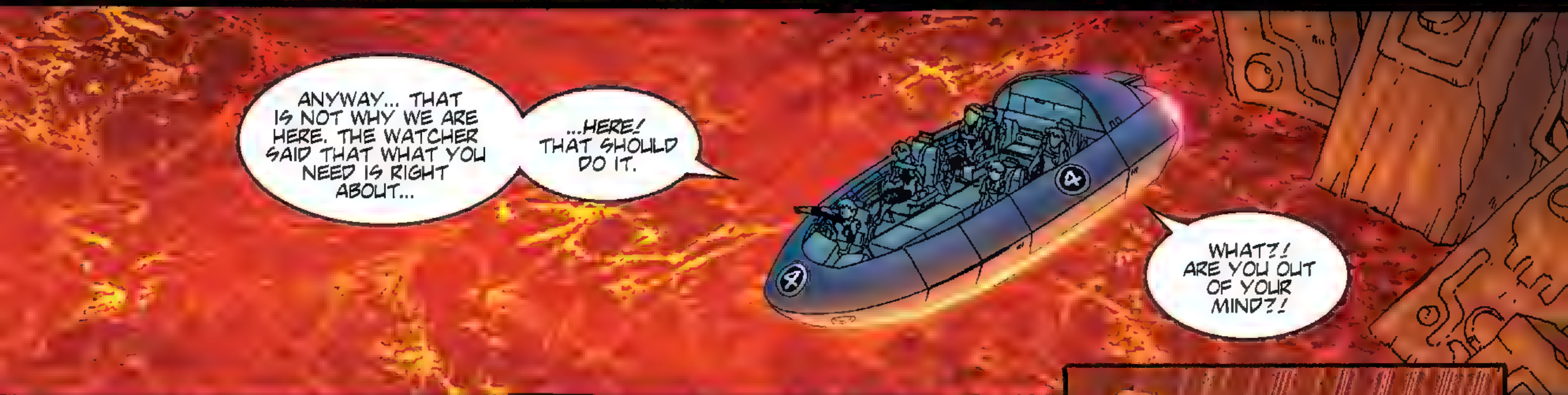
I WONDER IF I SHOULD CALL MY MOM? SHE'LL JUST FREAK!





MARVIN,
I'VE BEEN
TOLD THIS IS
AN ANCIENT KREE
TEMPLE OF WORSHIP.
BASED ON INITIAL
DATA, I ESTIMATE
IT TO BE ABOUT
50,000 YEARS
OLD.

HOWEVER,
I'M PLANNING
TO SEARCH FOR
SOME ORGANIC
RESIDUE SO I
CAN CARBON
DATE IT MORE
ACCURATELY
LATER.



ANYWAY... THAT
IS NOT WHY WE ARE
HERE. THE WATCHER
SAID THAT WHAT YOU
NEED IS RIGHT
ABOUT...

...HERE!
THAT SHOULD
DO IT.

WHAT?!!
ARE YOU OUT
OF YOUR
MIND?!!



THAT'S,
LIKE, HOT LAVA!
REALLY HOT! I MEAN
BURN-YOUR-FLESH-OFF
AND-MELT-INTO-
GOO HOT!

WELL,
IF YOU'RE
CHICKEN...

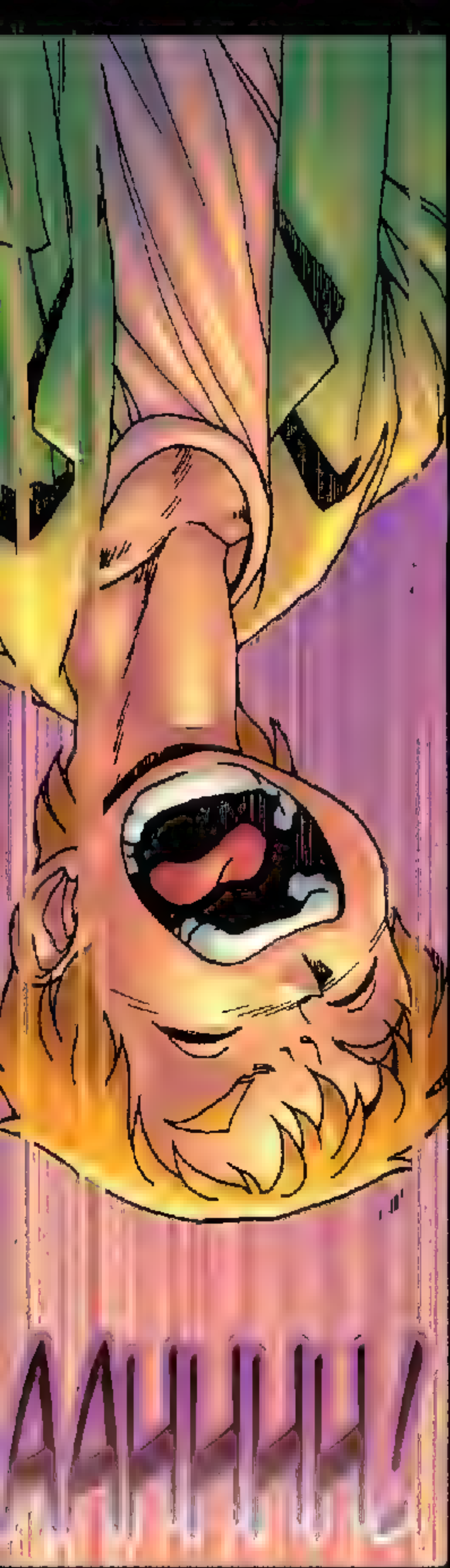


DAMN RIGHT!
I KNEW THIS WAS
A STUPID IDEA FROM
THE GET-GO!

UH-UH!
I'M NOT
GETTIN'
SOUTHERN
FRIED FOR
NO ONE, NO
HOW!



EJECT!!



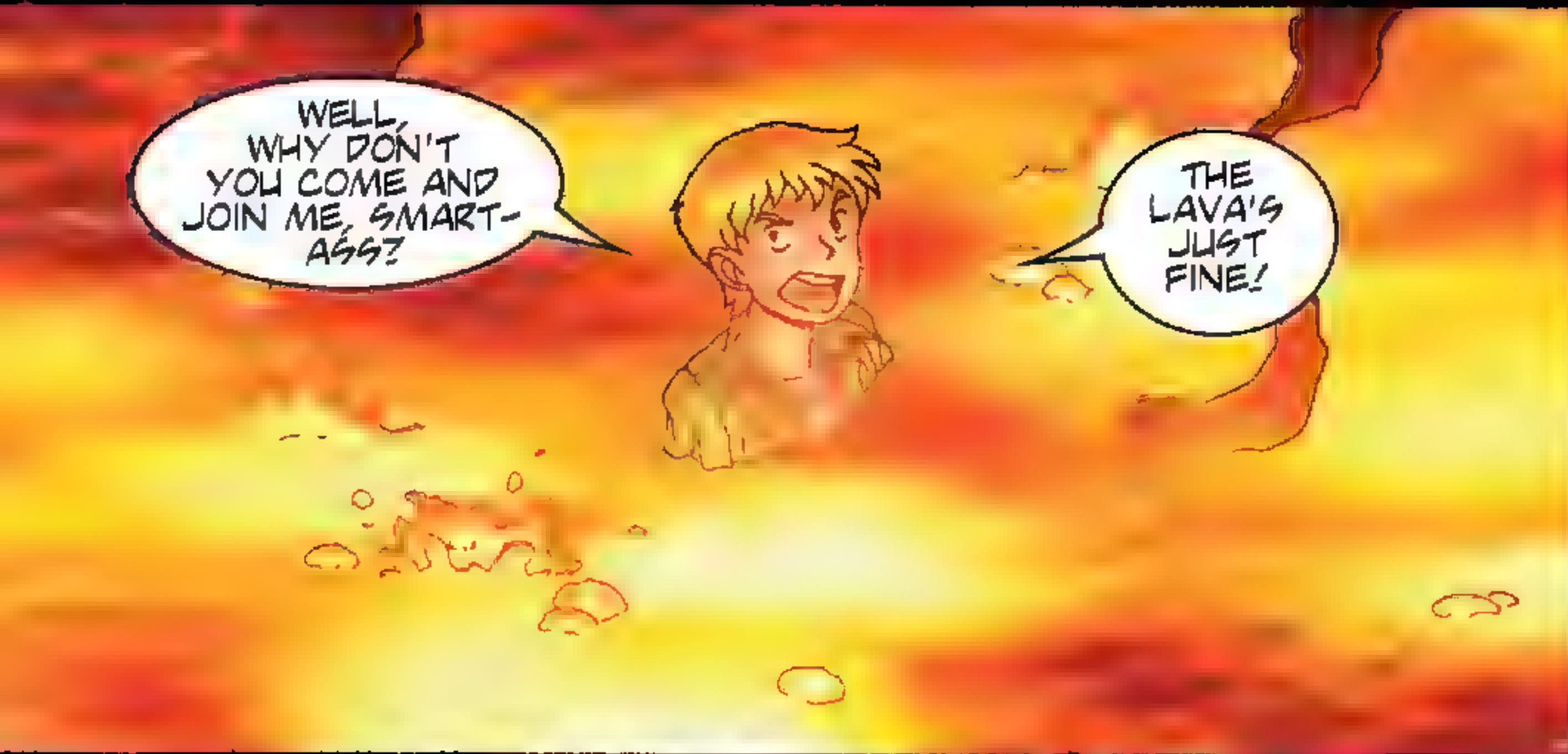
REED!
ARE YOU
INSANE?

I KNOW
WHAT I'M
DOING,
SIOUX.



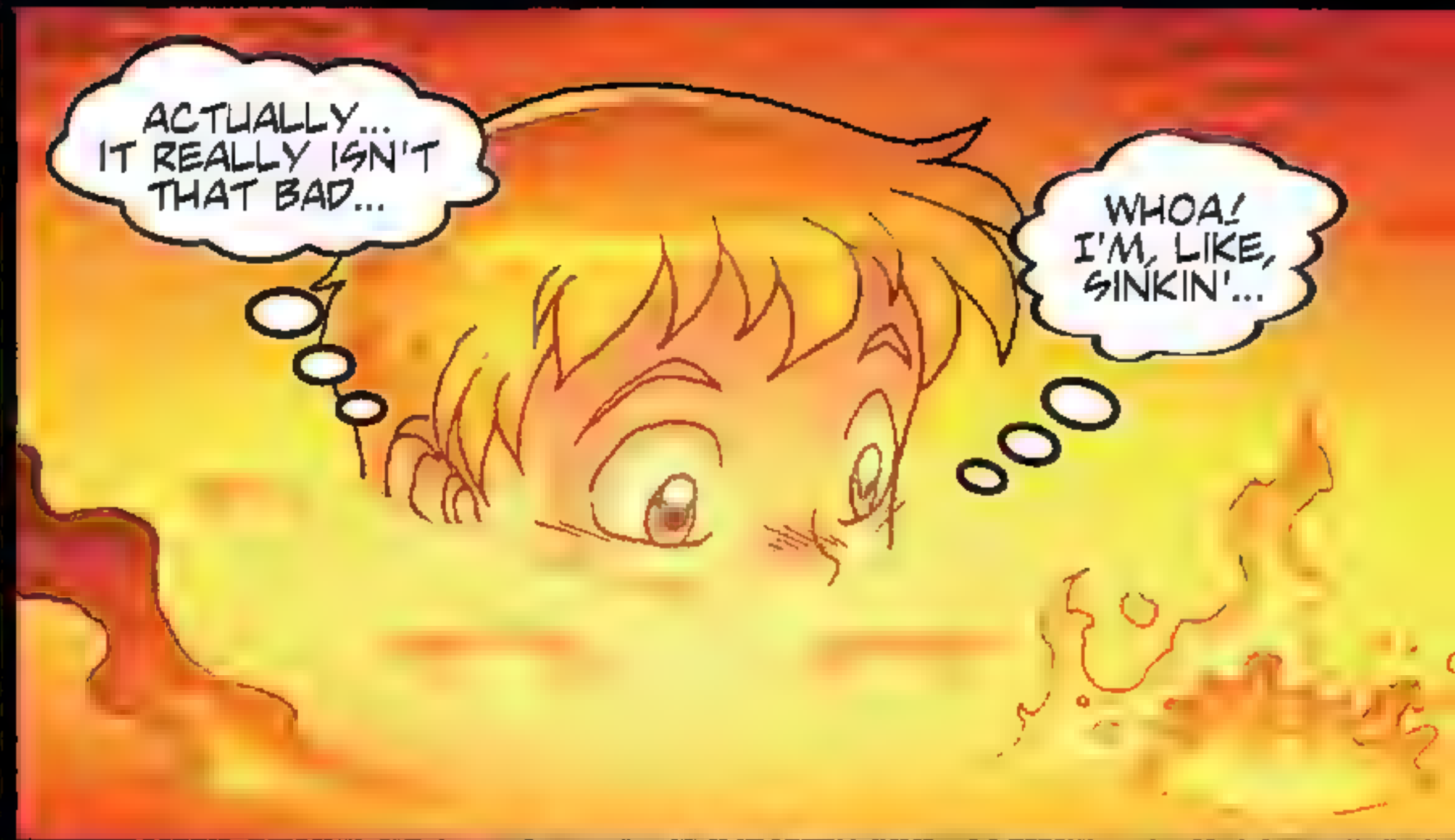
OH, MAN...
THIS IS SO
WHACKED!

SEE?
THAT WASN'T
SO BAD.



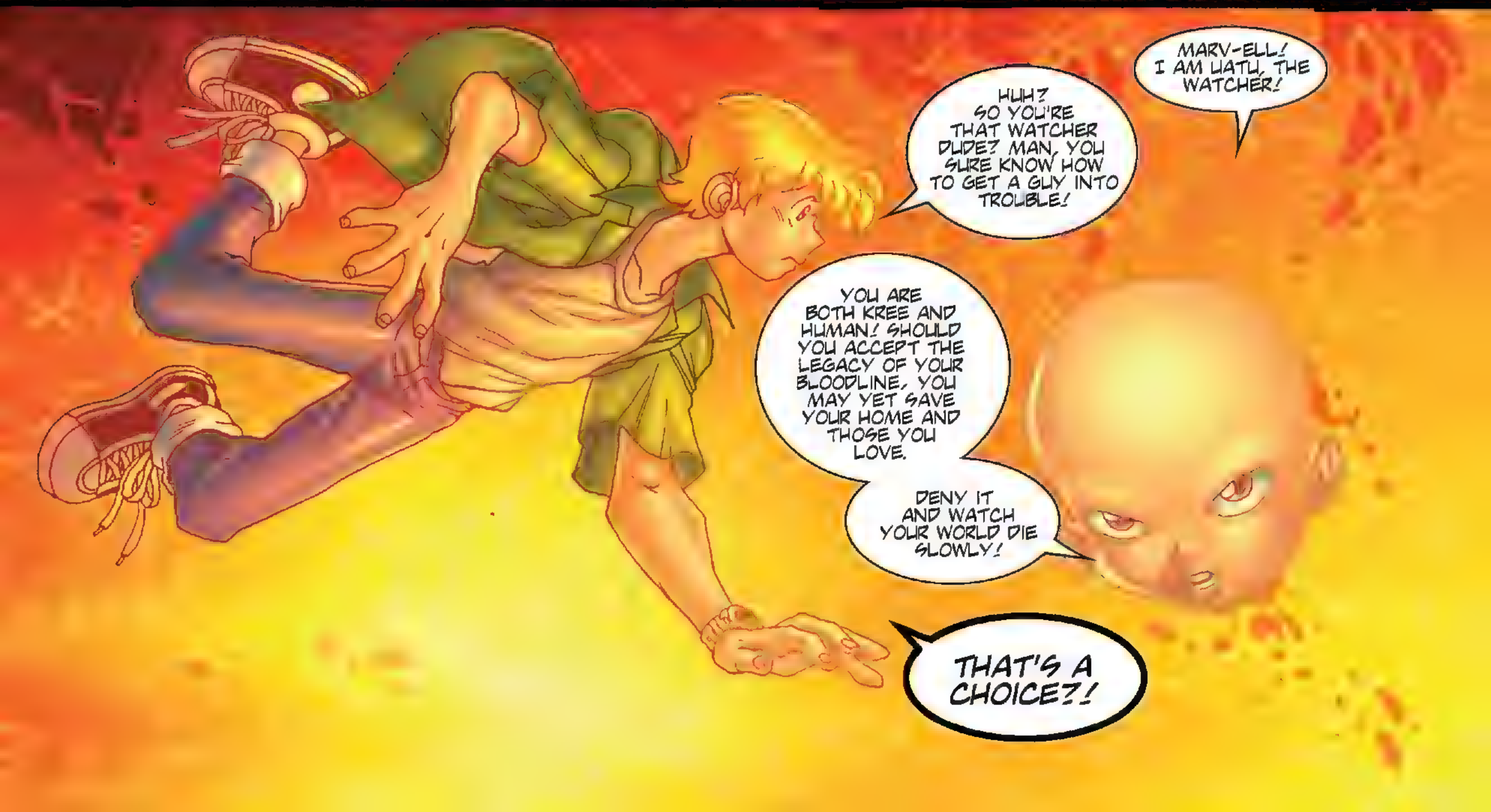
WELL,
WHY DON'T
YOU COME AND
JOIN ME, SMART-
ASS?

THE
LAVA'S
JUST
FINE!



ACTUALLY...
IT REALLY ISN'T
THAT BAD...

WHOA!
I'M, LIKE,
SINKIN'...



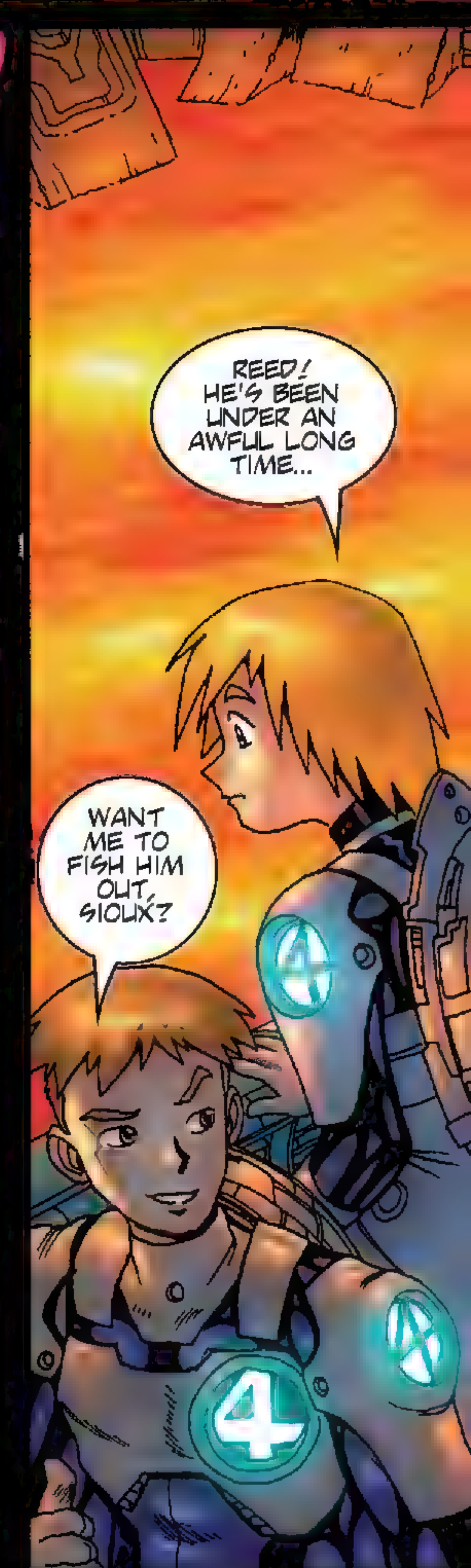
MARV-ELL!
I AM LATH, THE
WATCHER!

HUH?
SO YOU'RE
THAT WATCHER
DUDE? MAN, YOU
SURE KNOW HOW
TO GET A GUY INTO
TROUBLE!

YOU ARE
BOTH KREE AND
HUMAN! SHOULD
YOU ACCEPT THE
LEGACY OF YOUR
BLOODLINE, YOU
MAY YET SAVE
YOUR HOME AND
THOSE YOU
LOVE.

DENY IT
AND WATCH
YOUR WORLD DIE
SLOWLY!

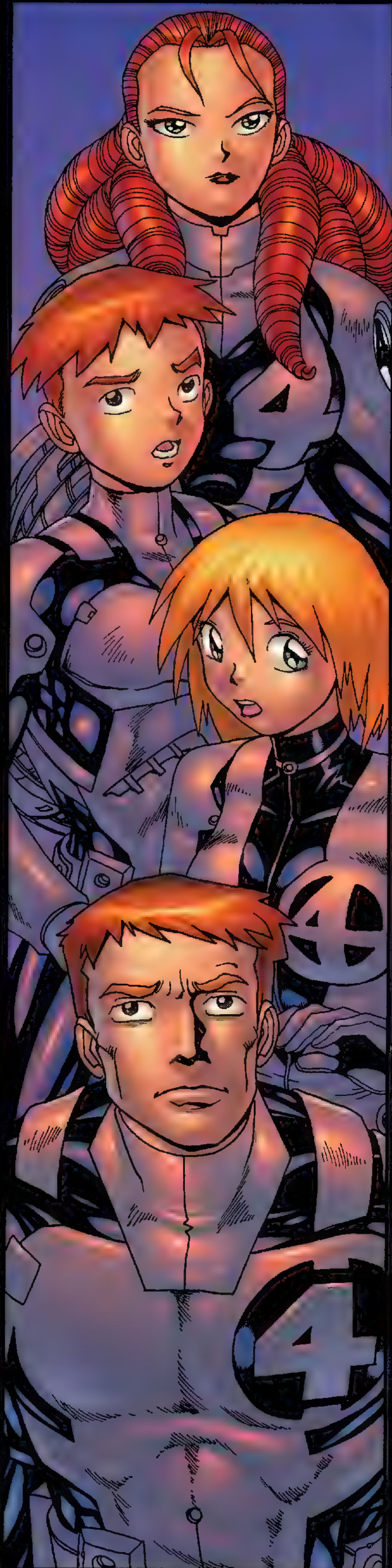
THAT'S A
CHOICE?!

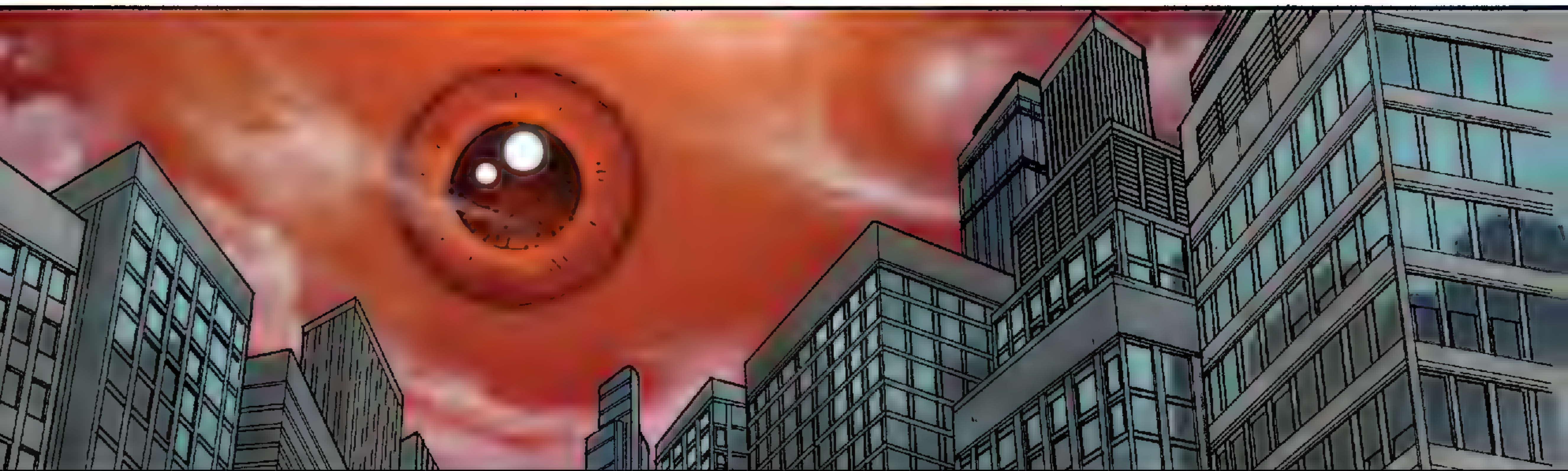
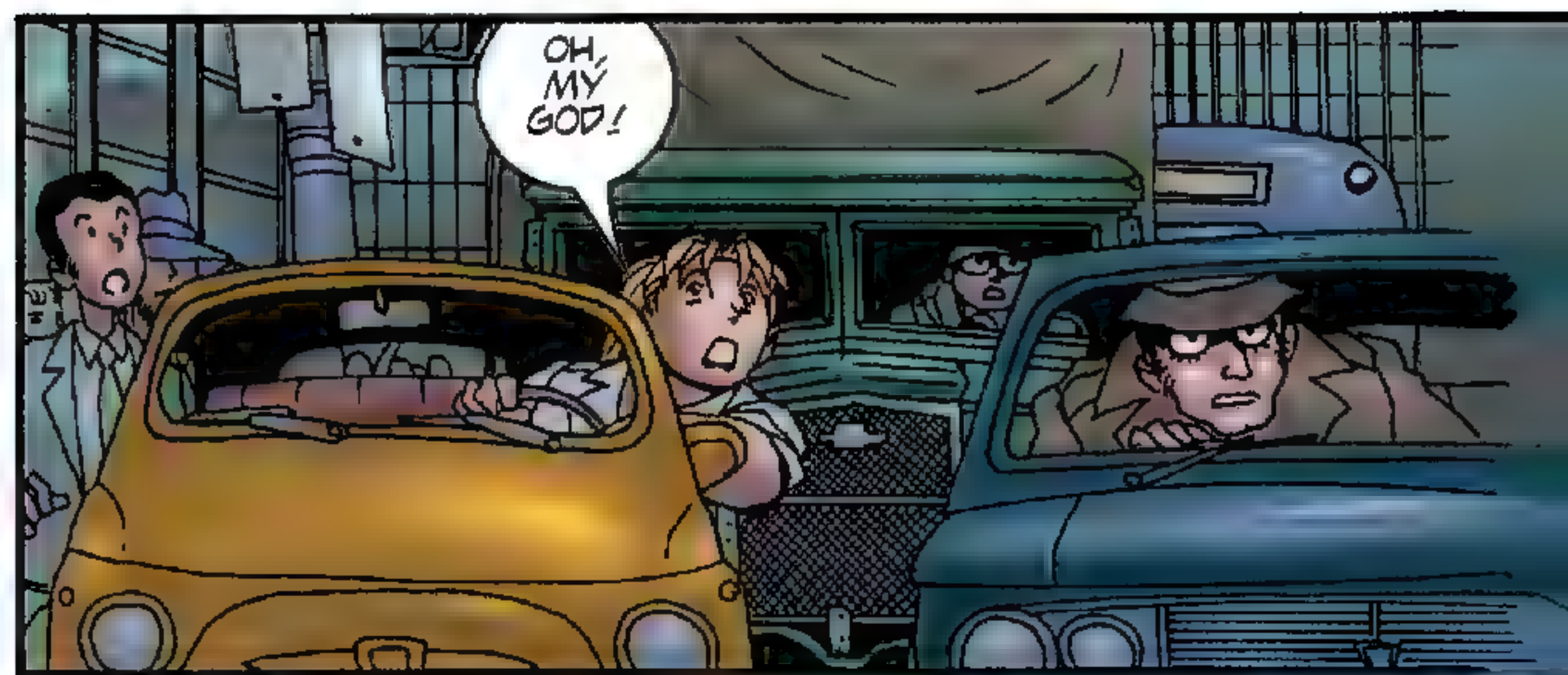
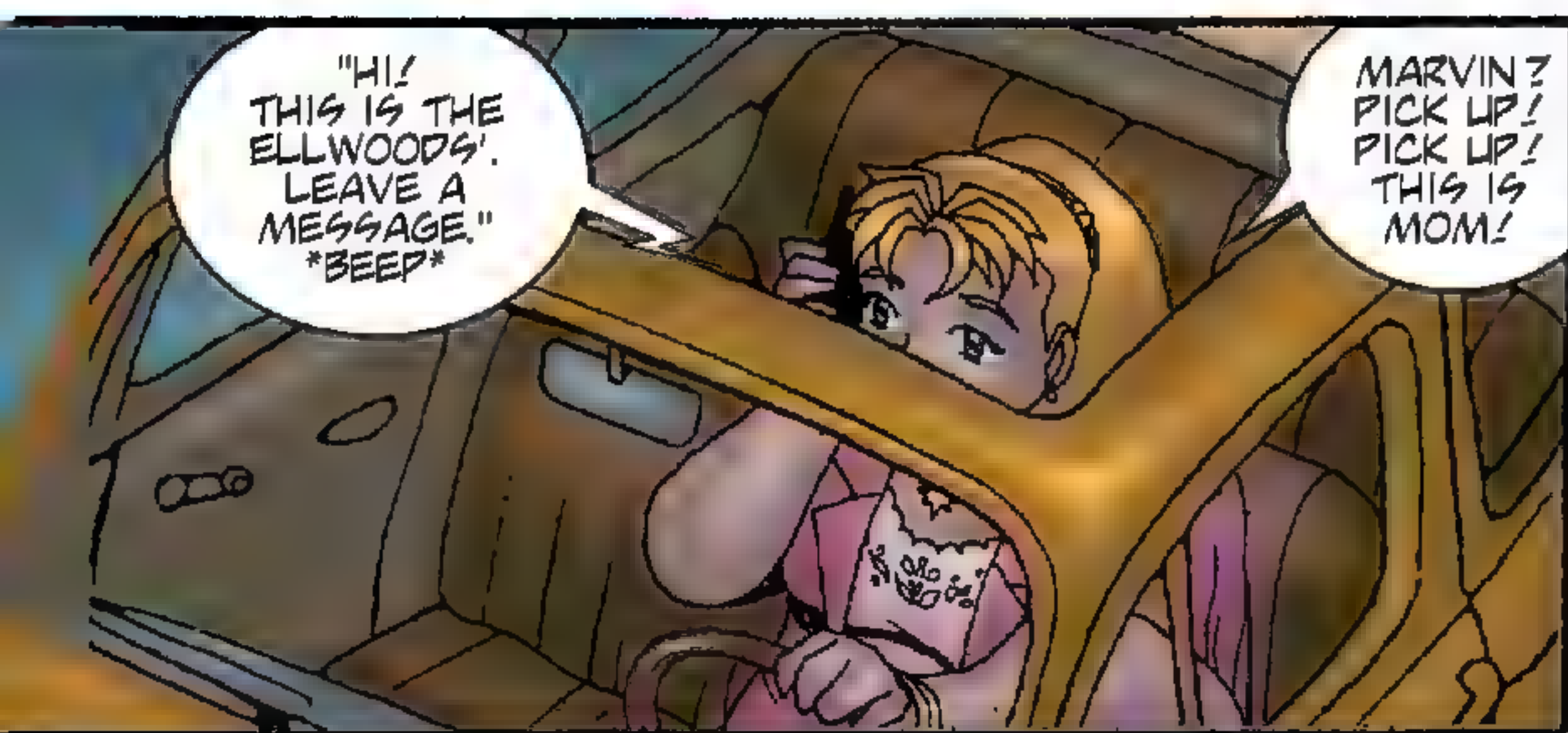
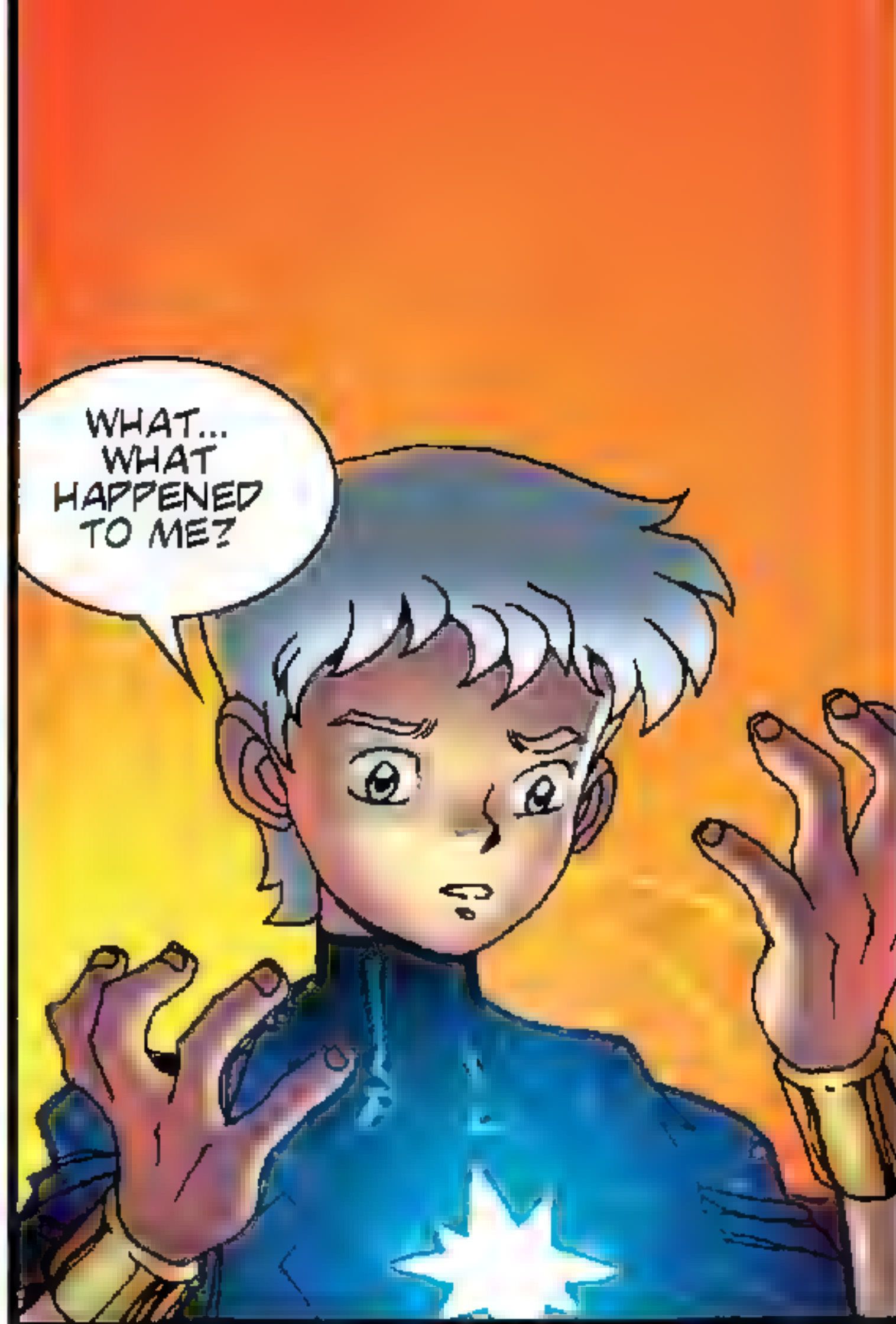




AWWWW!
RIGHTEOLIS!!
CALL ME

**CAPTAIN
MARVEL**





MARVEL マーベル MANGAVERSE

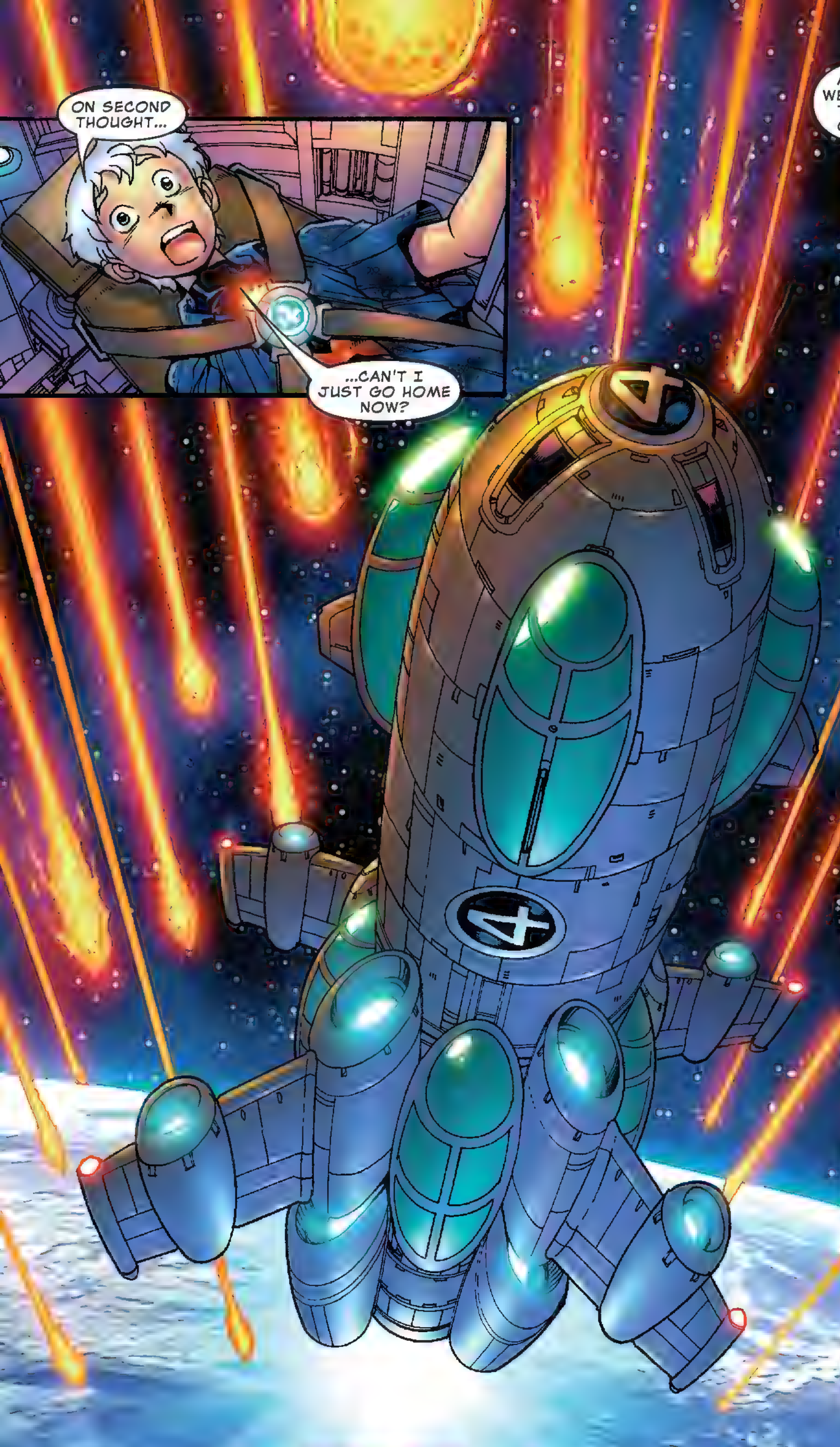
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ON SECOND
THOUGHT...

...CAN'T I
JUST GO HOME
NOW?

MARV, YOU
WERE CHOSEN
TO DEFEAT
GALACTUS.

BUT YOU
DIDN'T TELL
ME HOW BIG
THIS THING WAS!

BANG!

HEY!
WHAT WAS
THAT?!

IGNORE IT. I BUILT THIS
SHIP TO WITHSTAND THE
GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF
A BLACK HOLE.

YEAH? BUT
I WASN'T BUILT
THAT WAY!

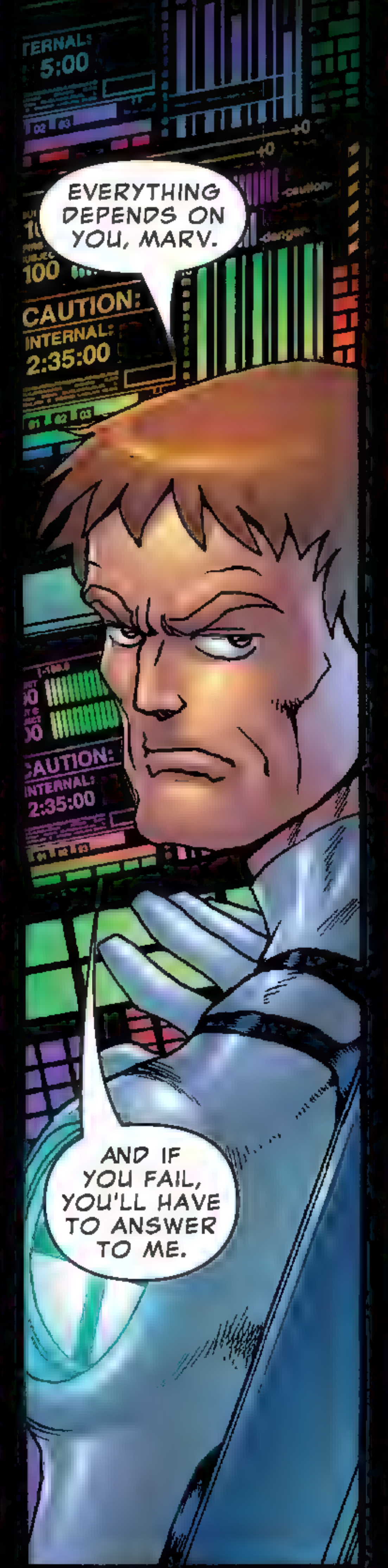
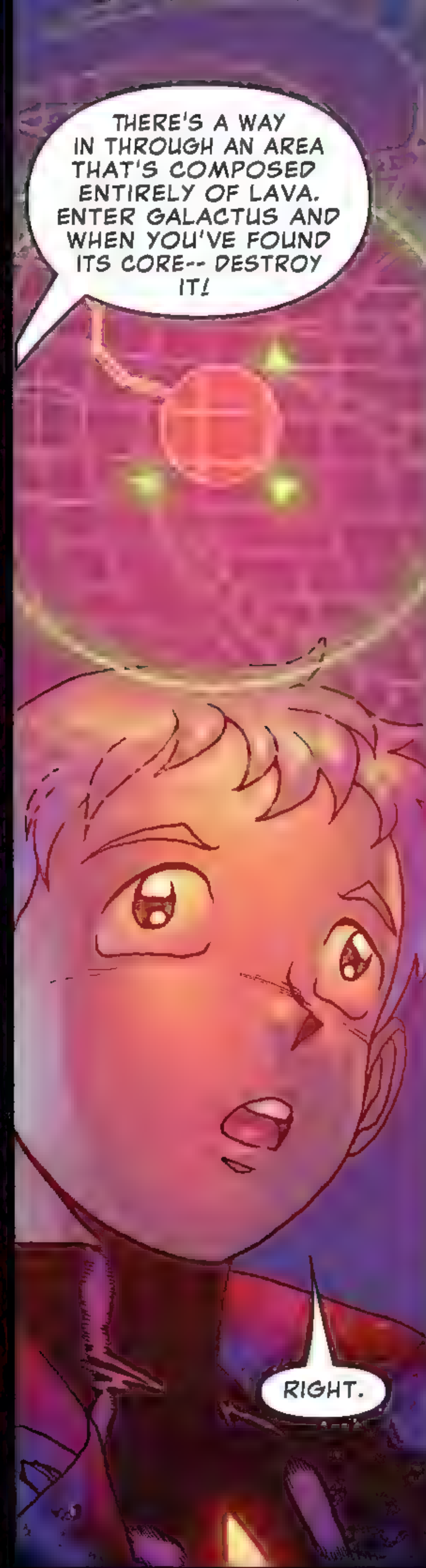
JUST CALM DOWN, MARV.
SUPPOSEDLY YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE WHO CAN SURVIVE
INSIDE GALACTUS' HOSTILE
ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE
OF YOUR INHERITED
KREE DNA.

REED, ARE YOU SURE
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY
NO WAY WE CAN GO
IN THERE AS
WELL?

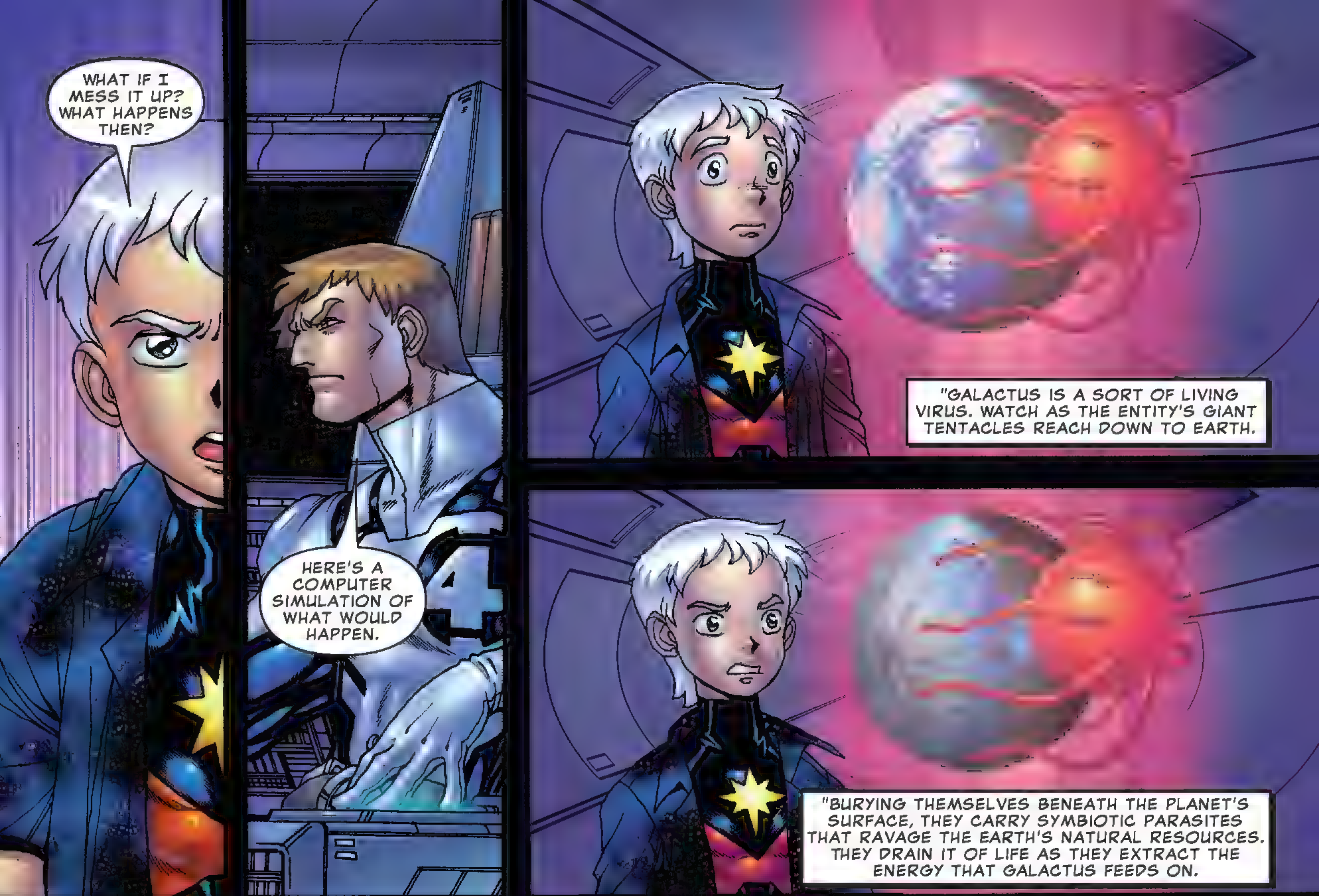
WE'RE THE
FANTASTIC FOUR.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE
TO SURVIVE ANYTHING!

NOT THIS
TIME, BEN.

OOOKAAY...



THE GALACTIC



WHAT IF I
MESS IT UP?
WHAT HAPPENS
THEN?

HERE'S A
COMPUTER
SIMULATION OF
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN.

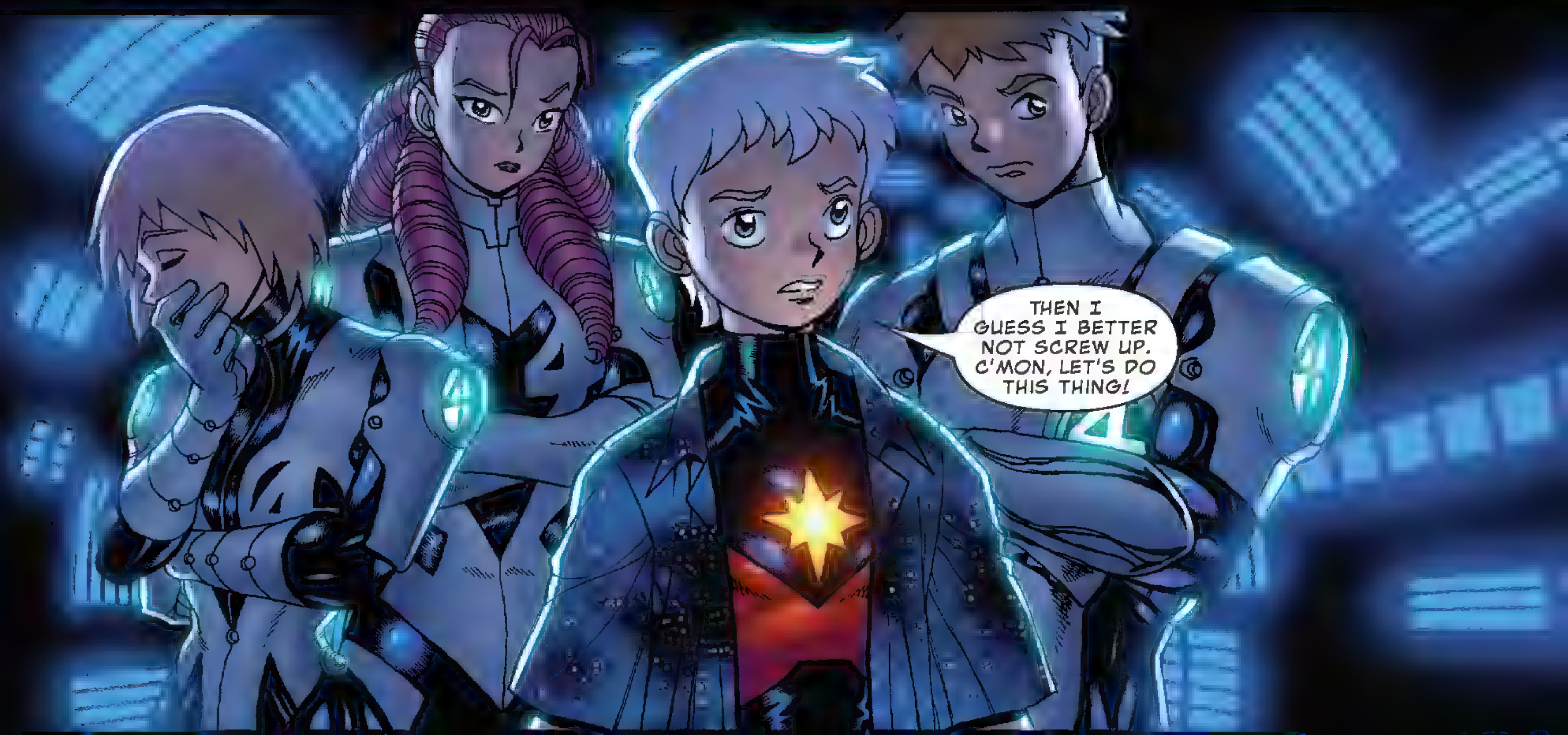
"GALACTUS IS A SORT OF LIVING
VIRUS. WATCH AS THE ENTITY'S GIANT
TENTACLES REACH DOWN TO EARTH.

"BURYING THEMSELVES BENEATH THE PLANET'S
SURFACE, THEY CARRY SYMBIOTIC PARASITES
THAT RAVAGE THE EARTH'S NATURAL RESOURCES.
THEY DRAIN IT OF LIFE AS THEY EXTRACT THE
ENERGY THAT GALACTUS FEEDS ON.

"WITH THIS
RESULT..."

PLANET KNOWN AS EARTH

ALL LIFE FORMS: EXTINCT



THEN I
GUESS I BETTER
NOT SCREW UP.
C'MON, LET'S DO
THIS THING!

QUEENS,
NEW YORK

MARV?
MARV, WHERE
ARE YOU?



MARV,
IS THAT
YOU?

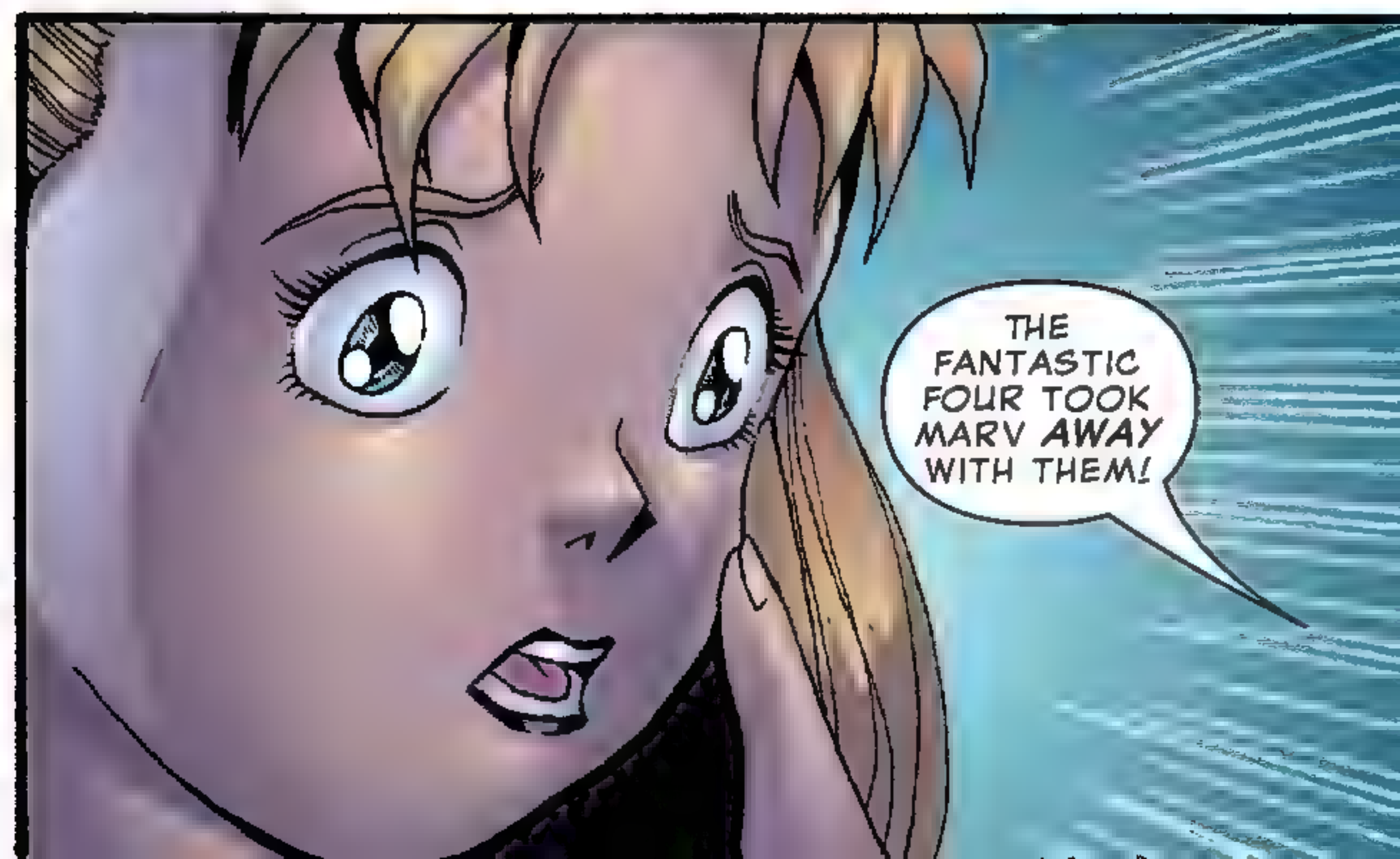
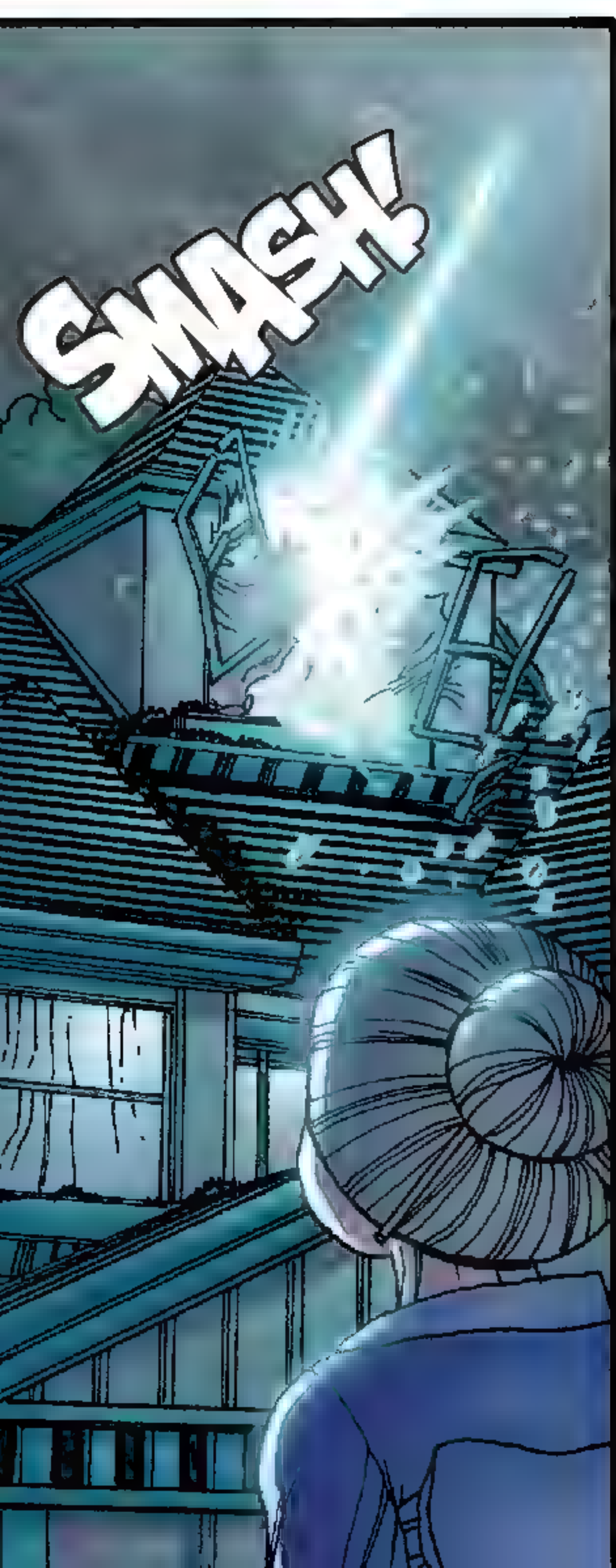
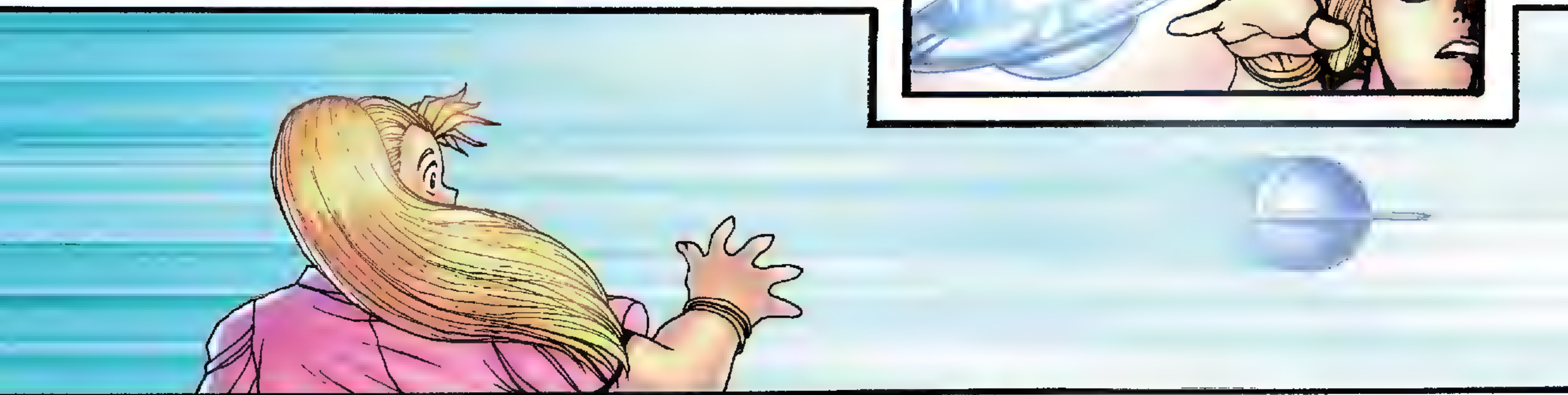


OH, MY
GOD!



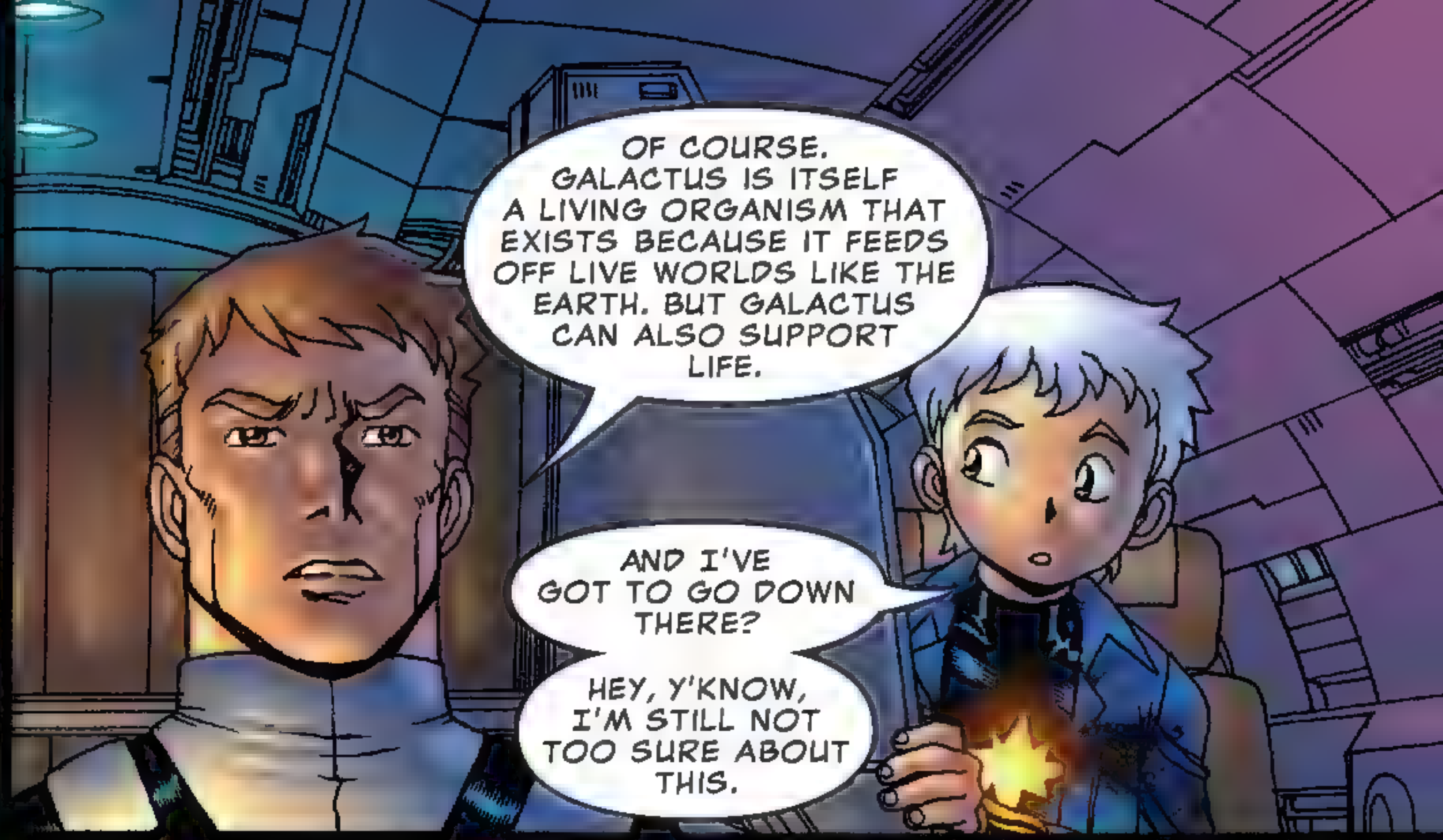
"COMPUTO'S
BEEN
ACTIVATED!"







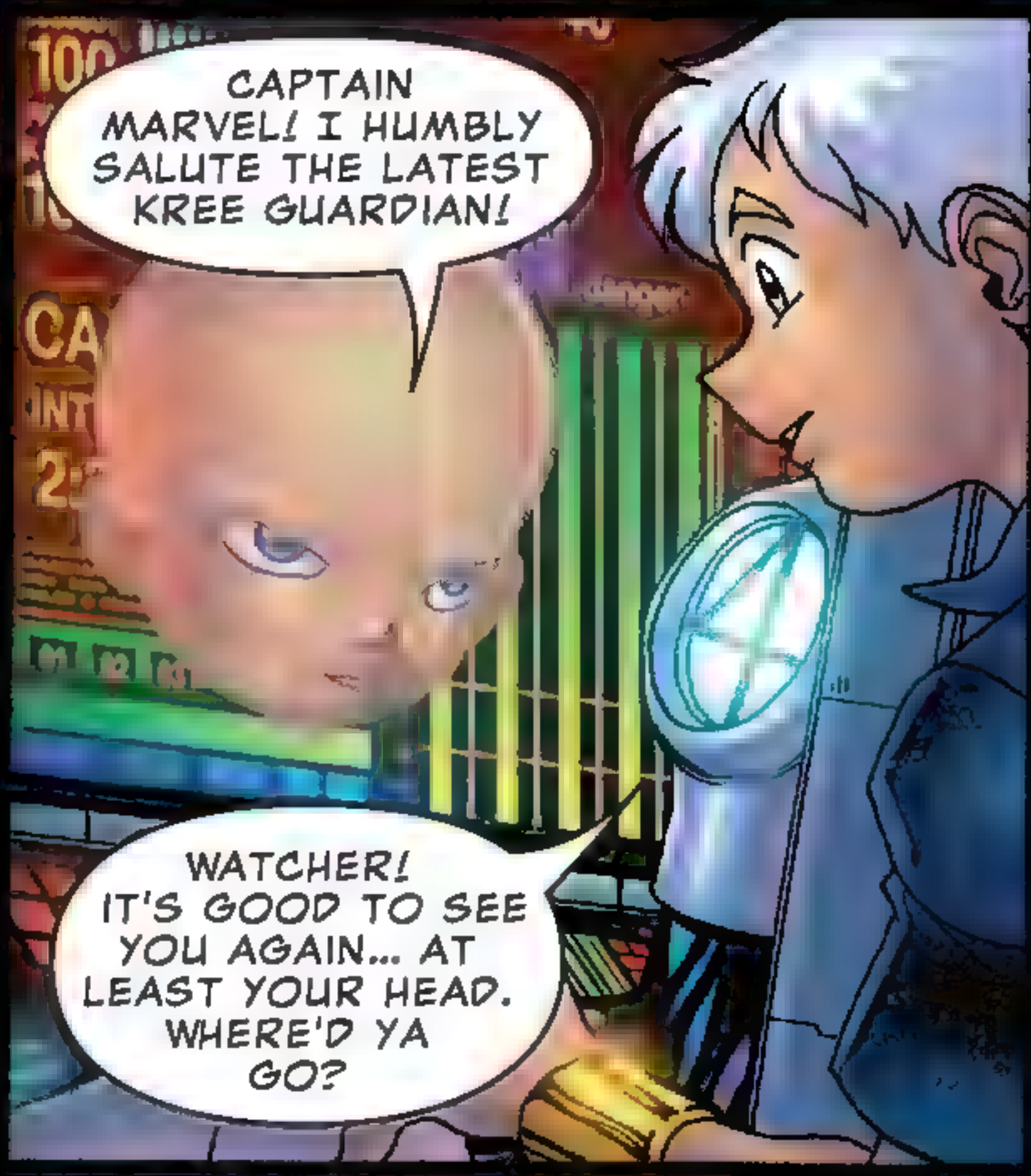
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON DOWN THERE?
THE SURFACE LOOKS AS THOUGH IT'S TEEMING WITH LIFE!



OF COURSE. GALACTUS IS ITSELF A LIVING ORGANISM THAT EXISTS BECAUSE IT FEEDS OFF LIVE WORLDS LIKE THE EARTH. BUT GALACTUS CAN ALSO SUPPORT LIFE.

AND I'VE GOT TO GO DOWN THERE?

HEY, Y'KNOW, I'M STILL NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THIS.



CAPTAIN MARVEL! I HUMBLLY SALUTE THE LATEST KREE GUARDIAN!

WATCHER! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN... AT LEAST YOUR HEAD. WHERE'D YA GO?



I WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS.



YEAH, WELL, HOW ABOUT SOME HELP HERE? THESE NEGA-BANDS DON'T EXACTLY COME WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME MORE CUZ I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M DOING!

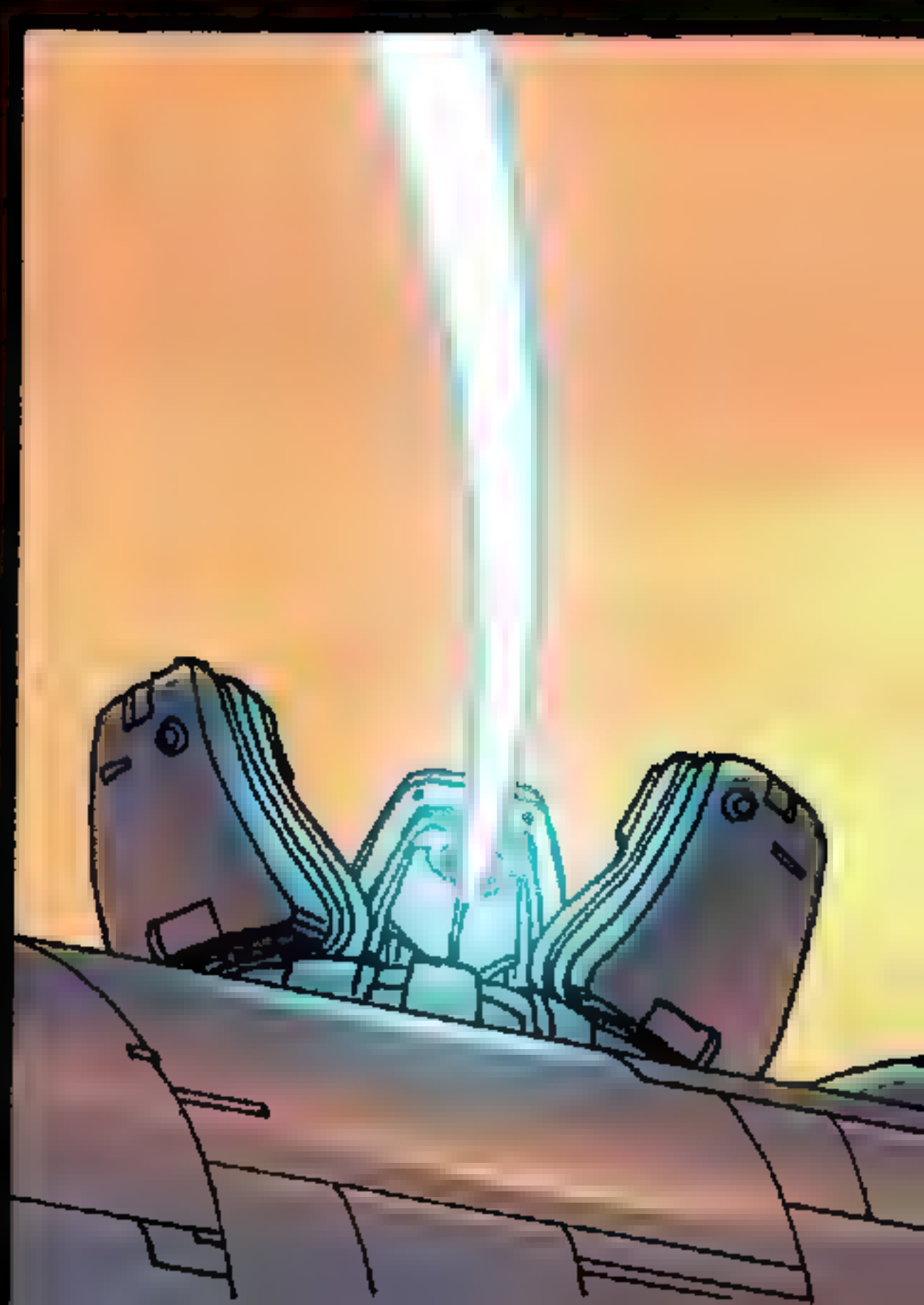
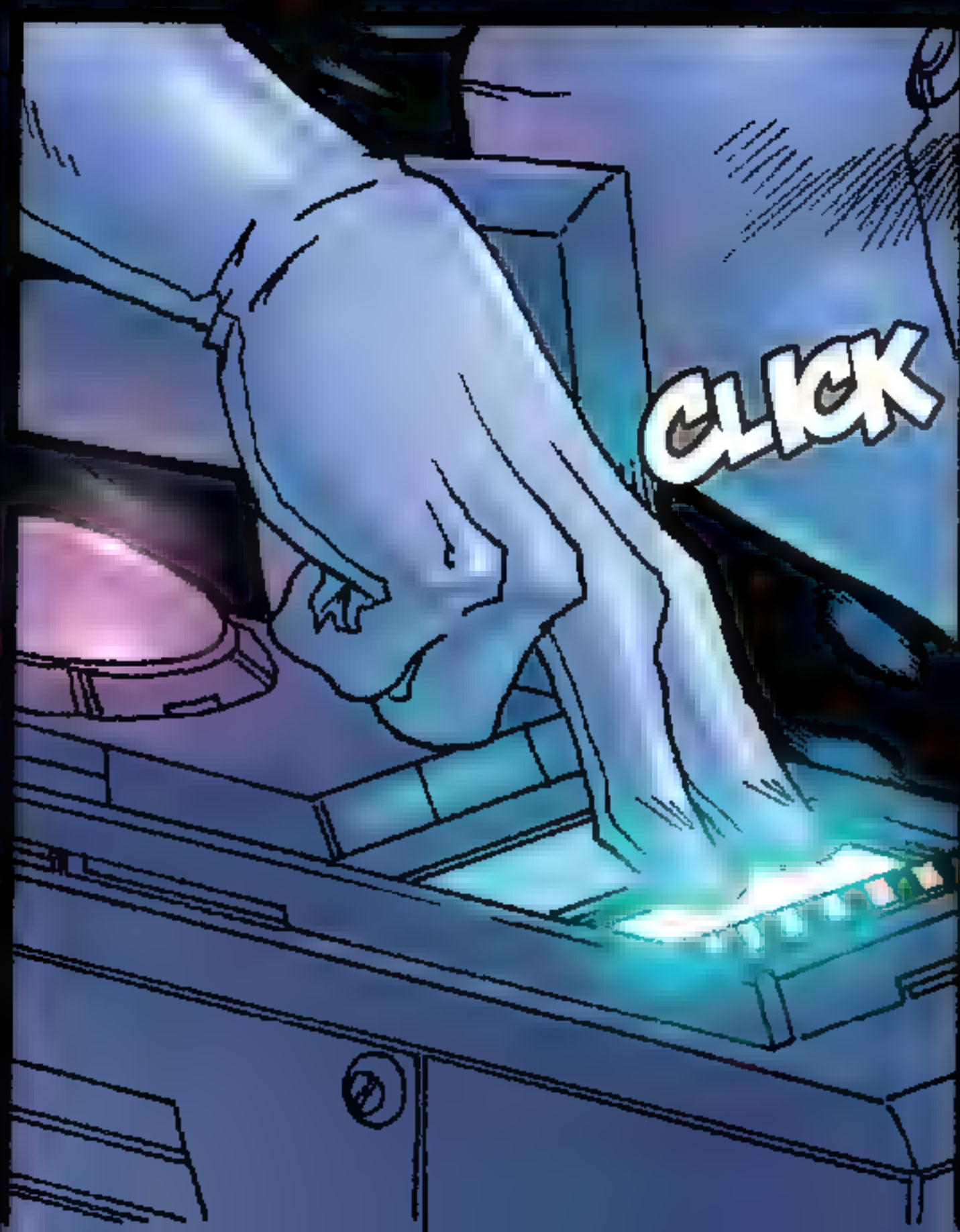
I MEAN IF ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FLY THEN FINE. OTHER THAN THAT I DON'T HAVE SQUAT!

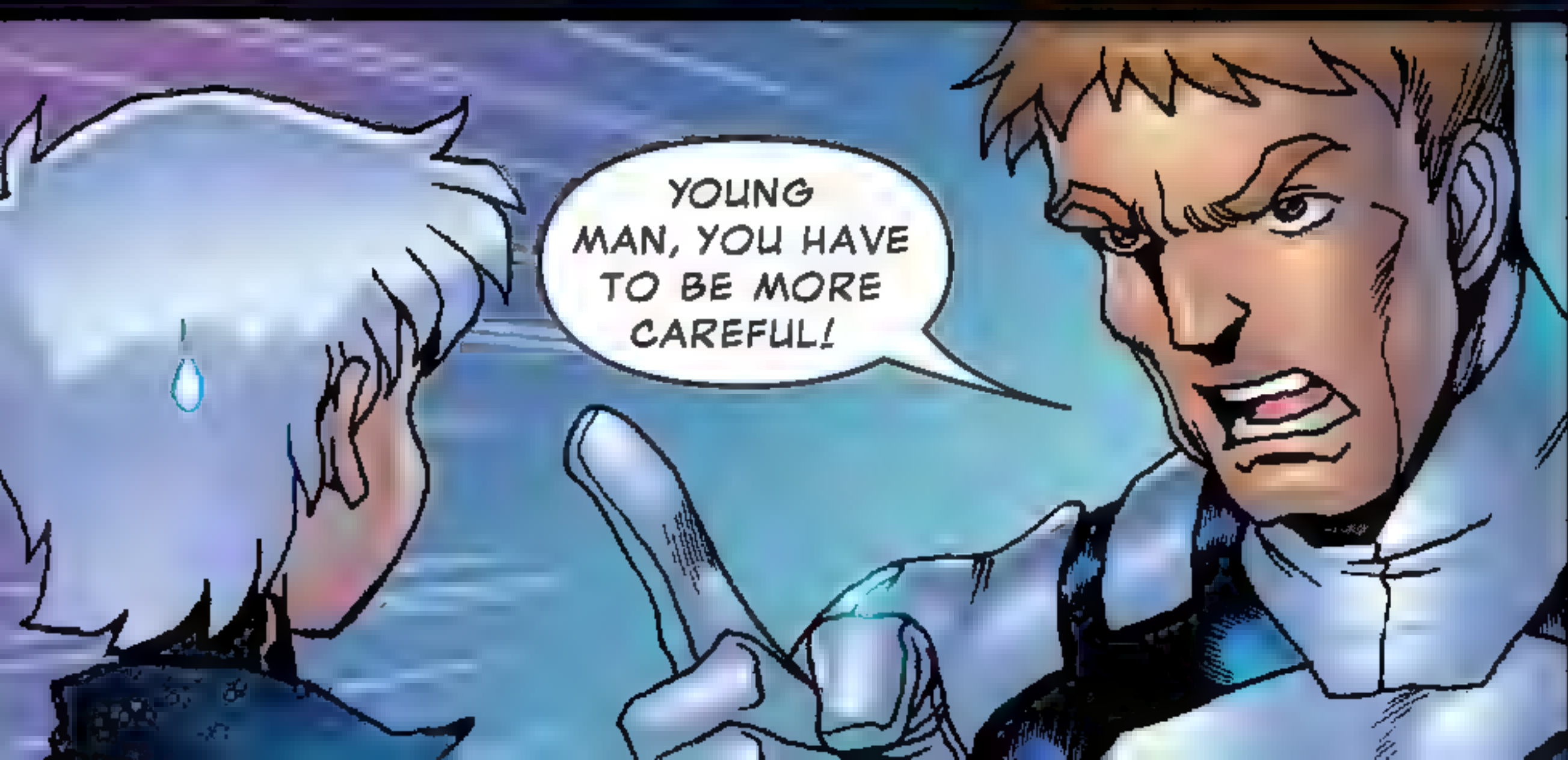
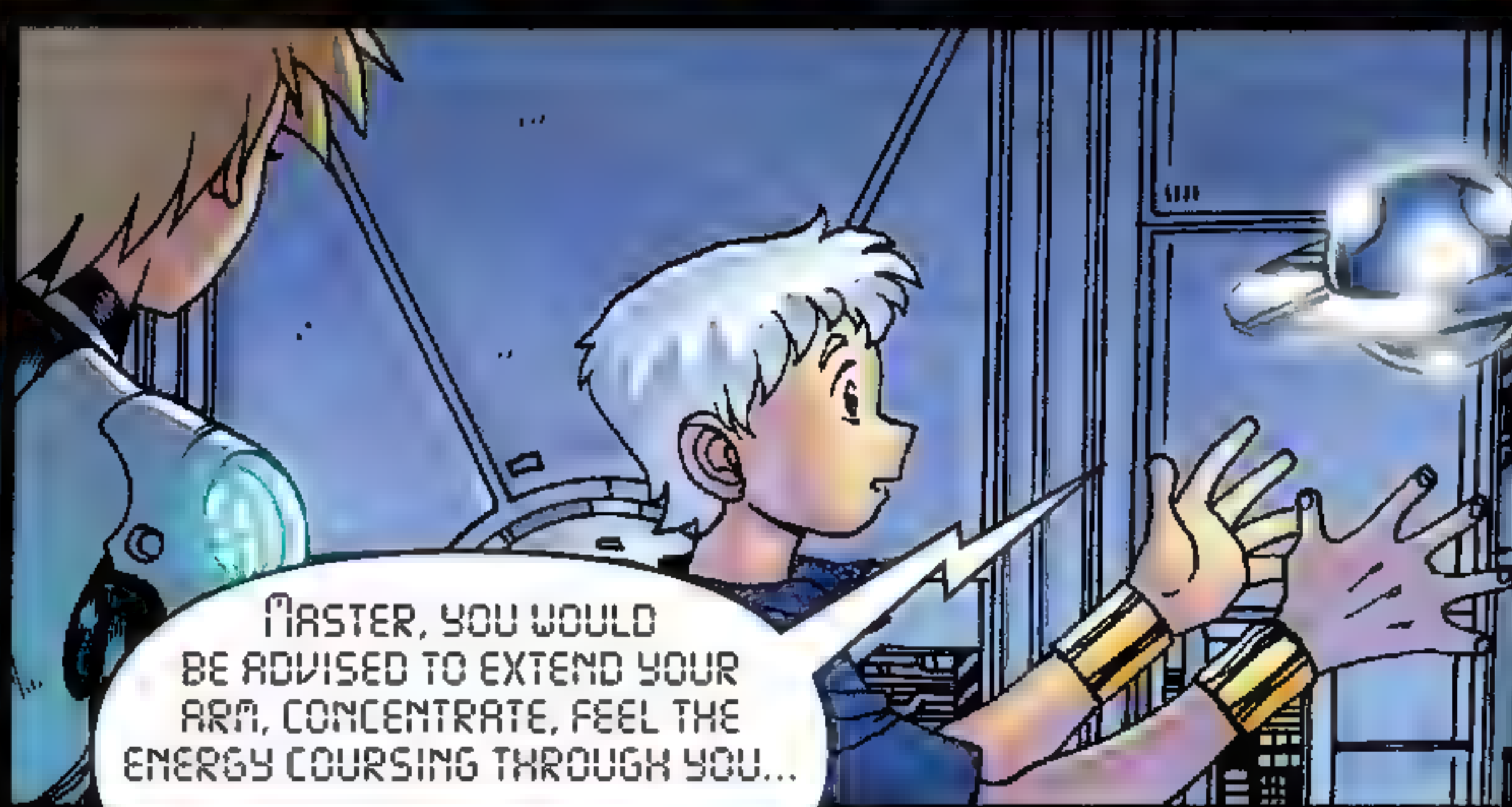
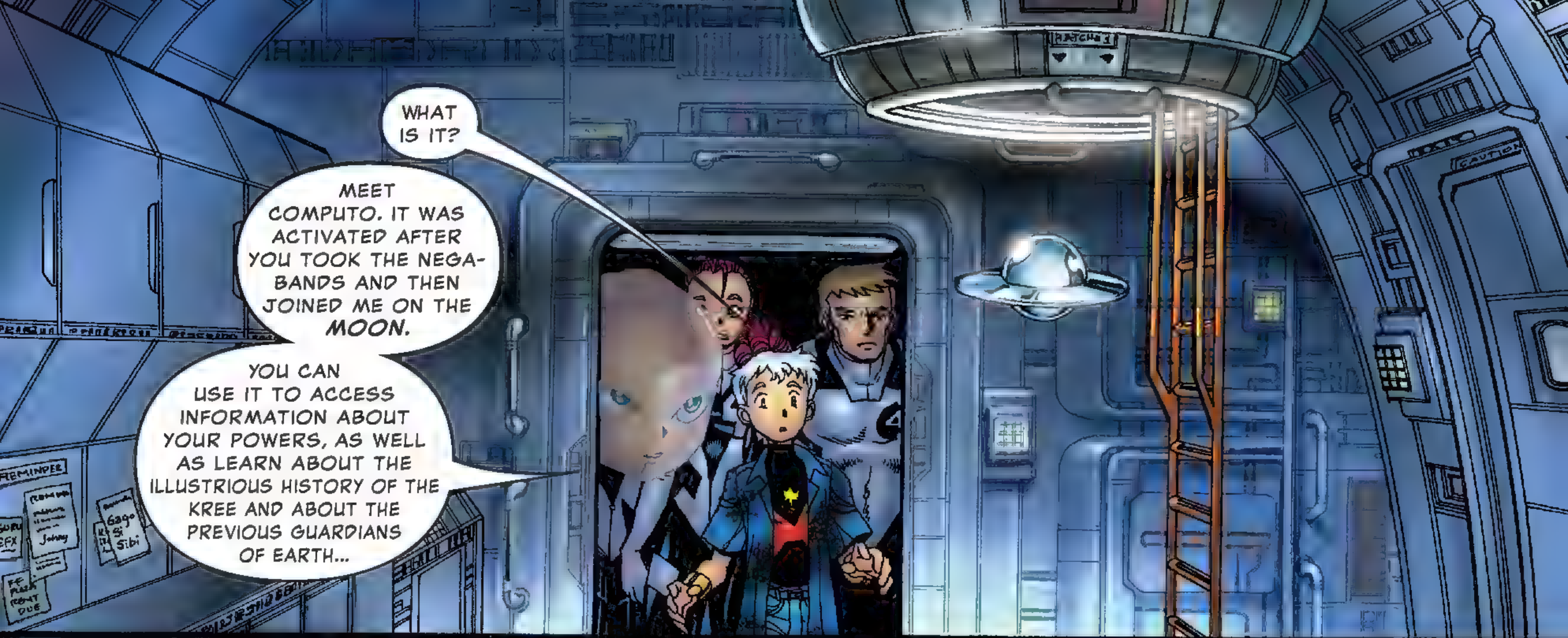
YOU NEED NOT WORRY. HELP IS ON THE WAY.

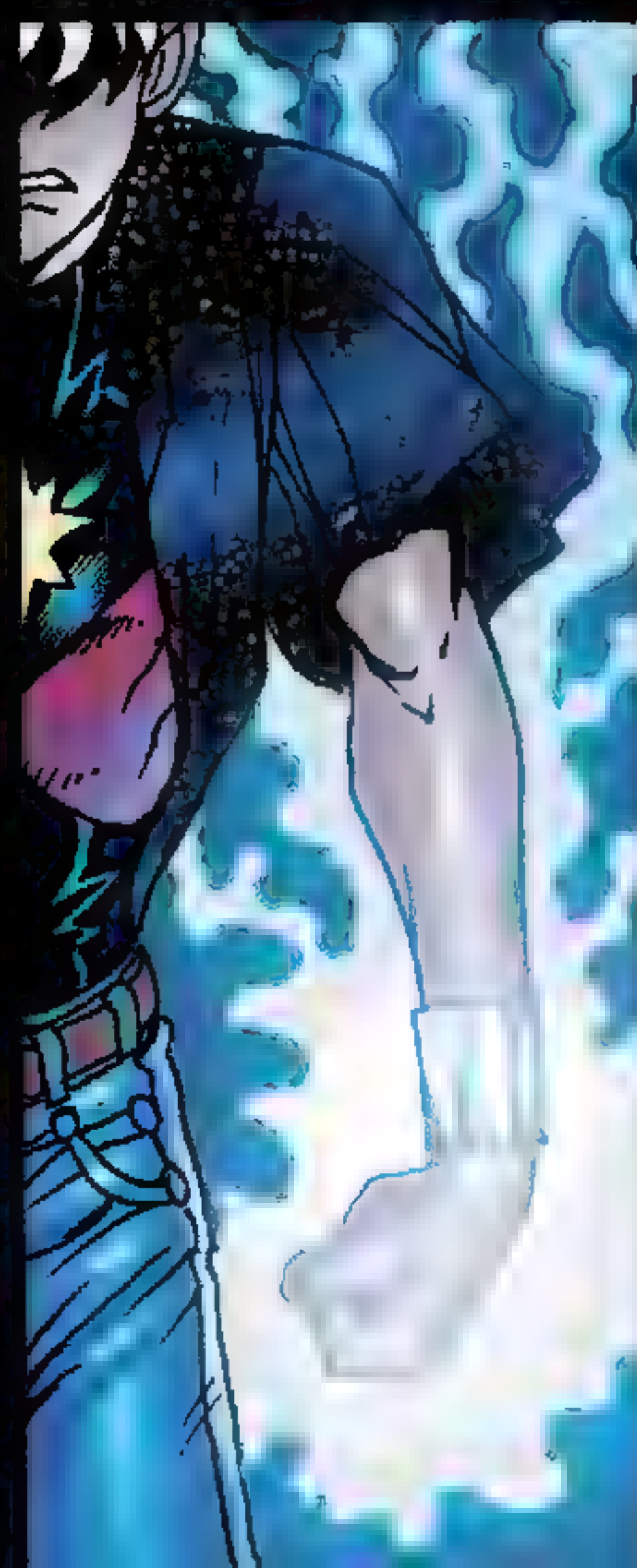
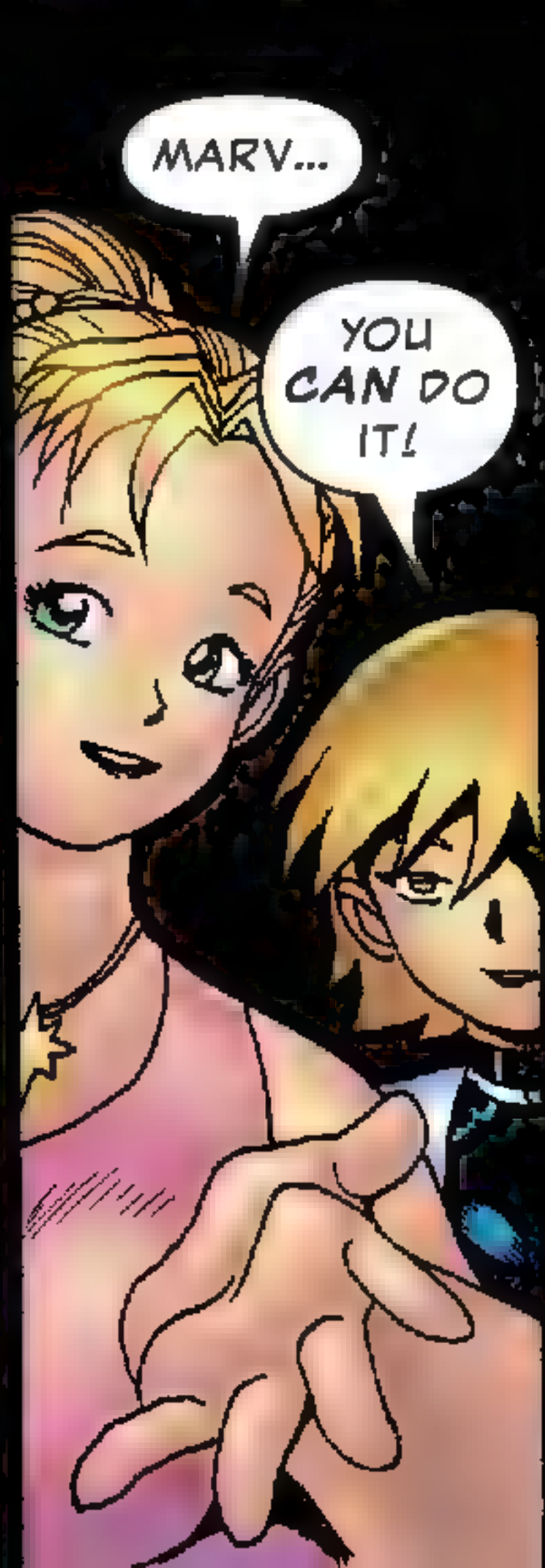
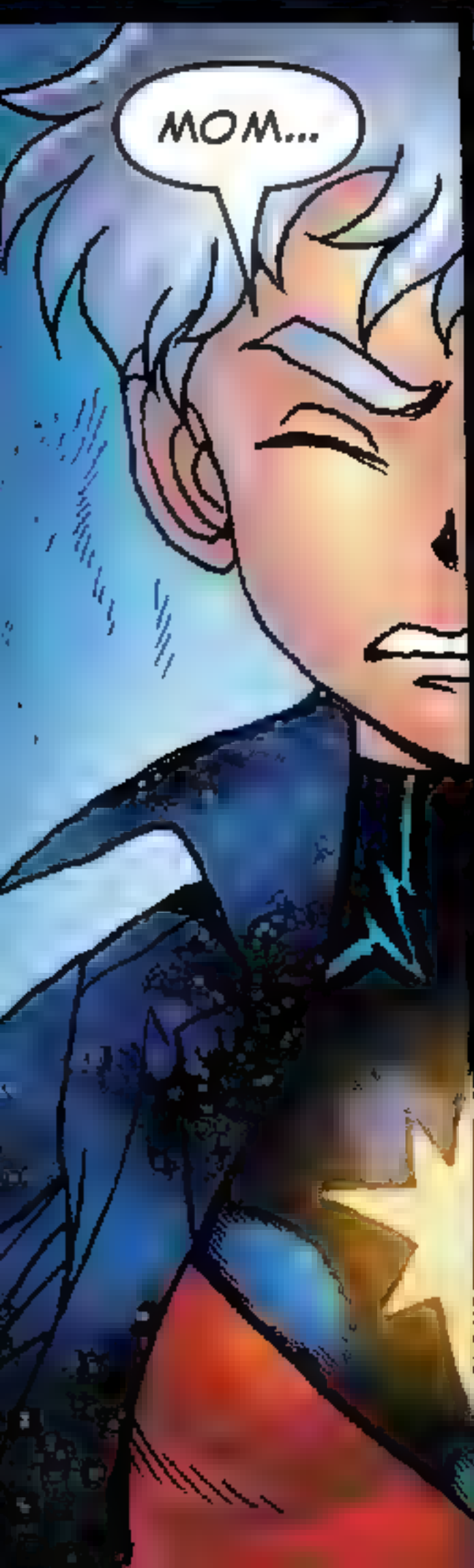
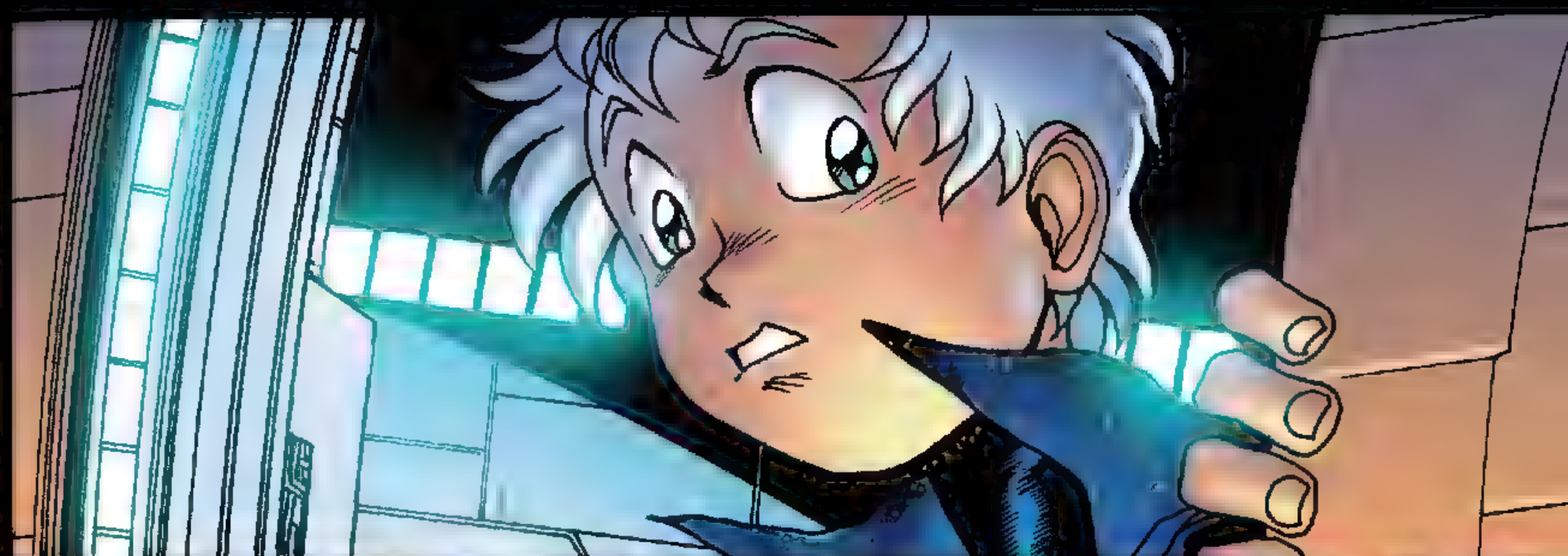
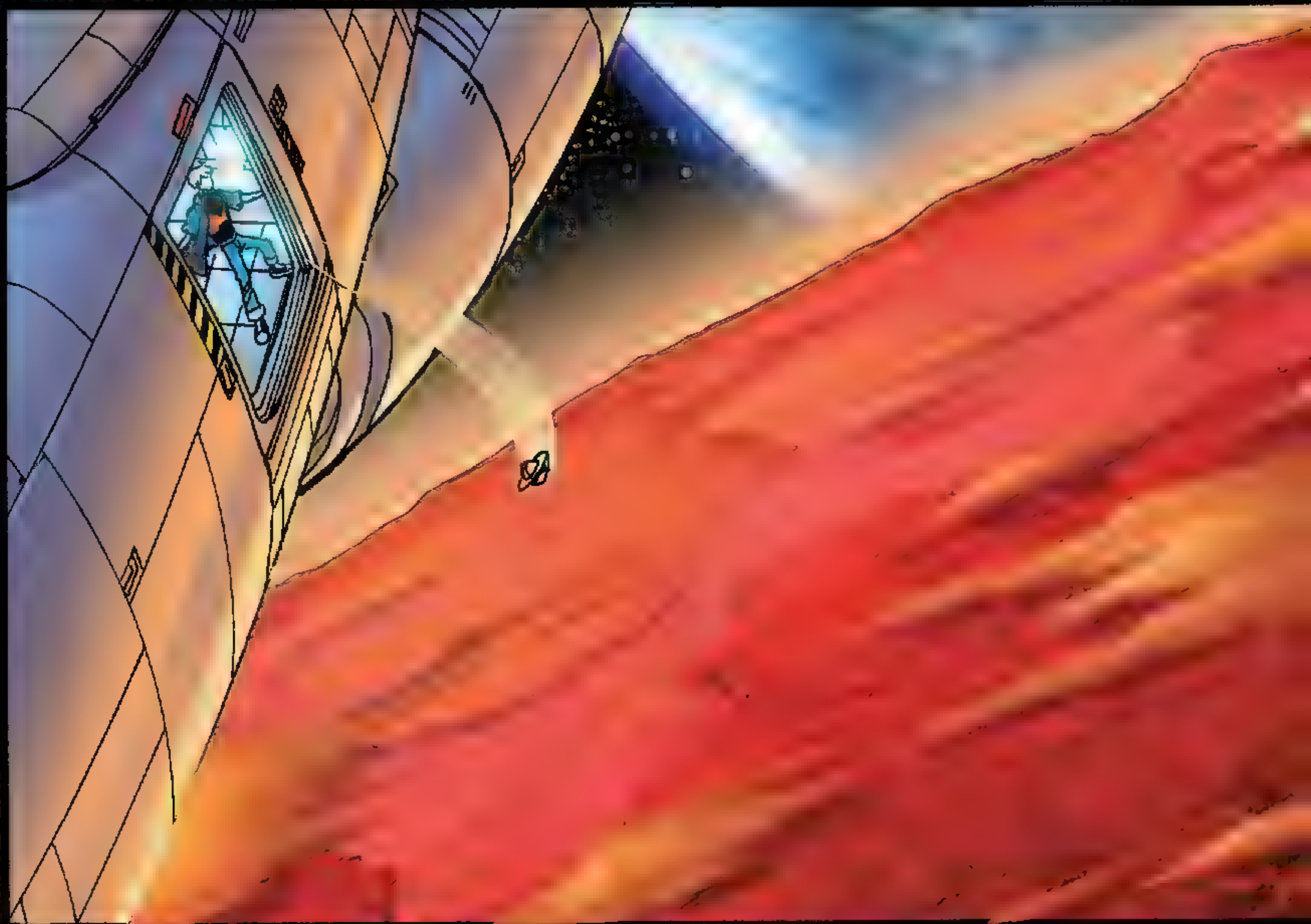
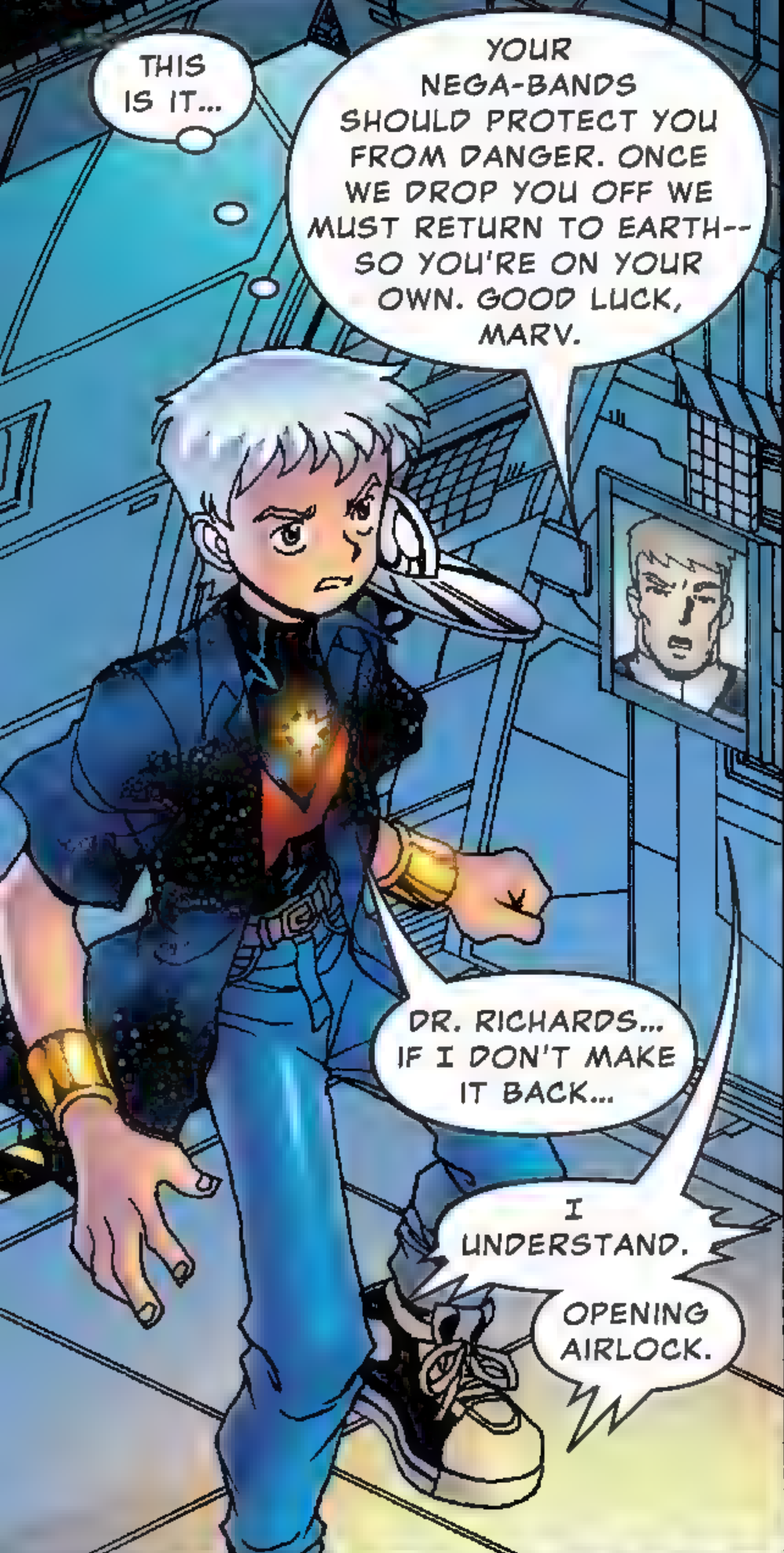
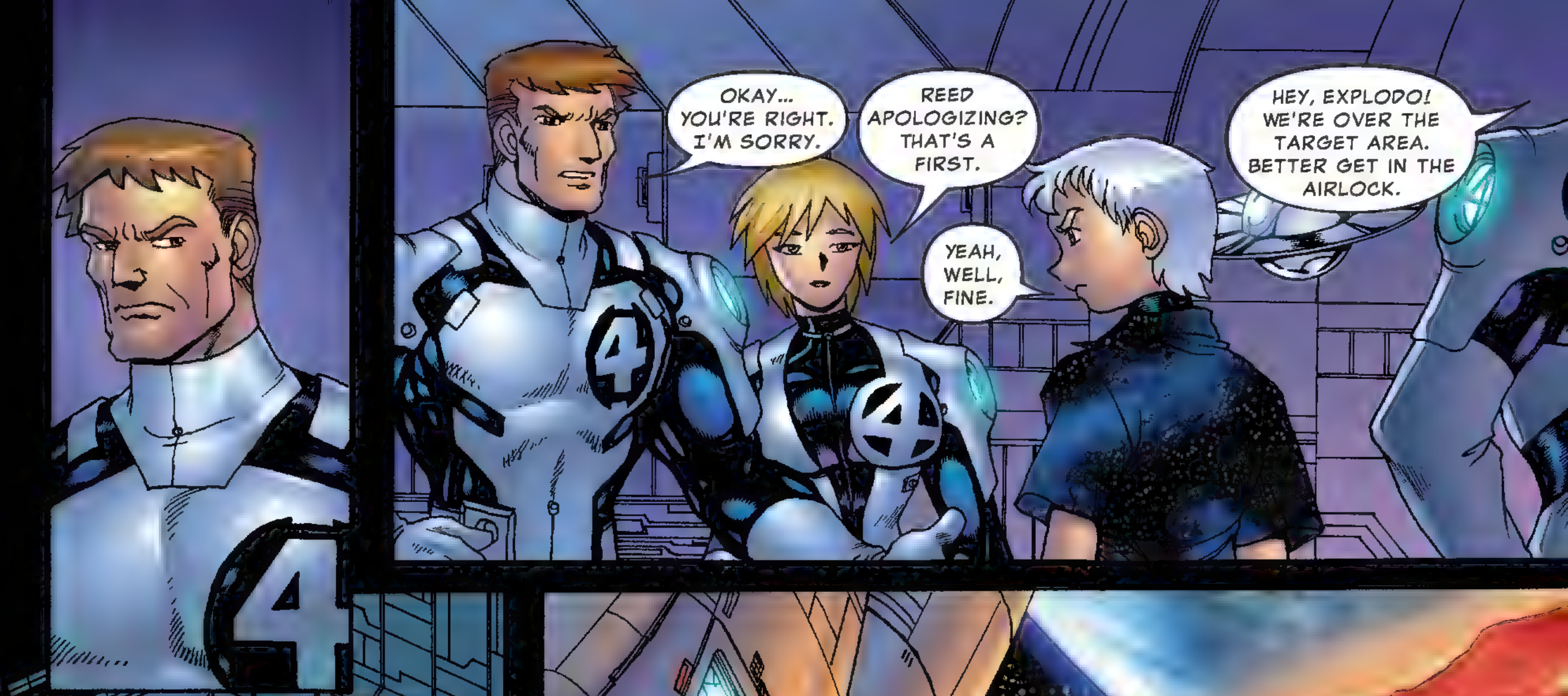
RICHARDS, OPEN YOUR SHIP'S AIRLOCK.

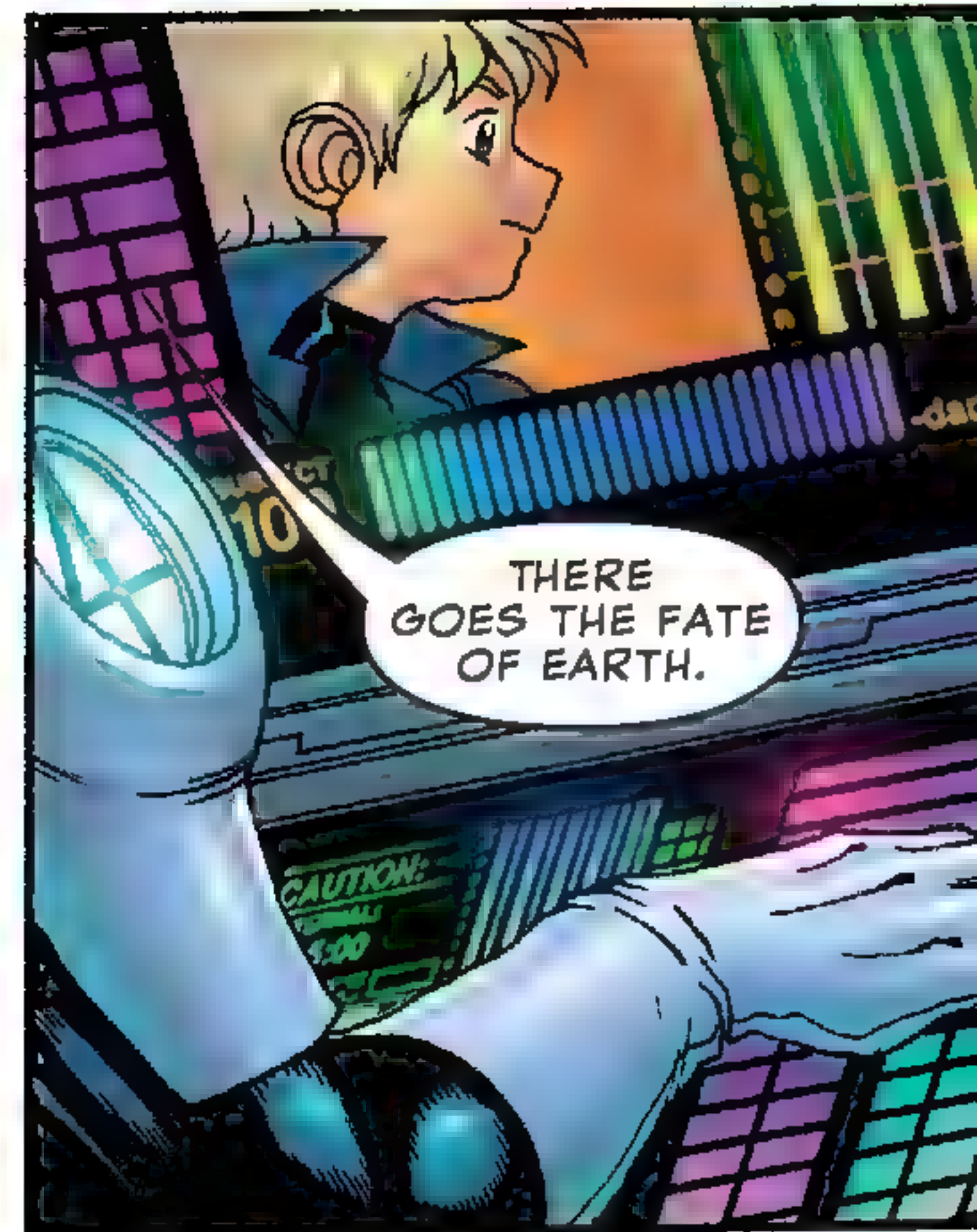


NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO DO.









"REPORTS INDICATE THAT TENTACLES FROM GALACTUS HAVE BEGUN PENETRATING THE SURFACE. SITUATION: CRITICAL. UPLOADING VIDEO FEED."

"FRAGMENTS FROM GALACTUS ARE RAINING DOWN ON AUSTRALIA AND AREAS OF MAINLAND EUROPE."

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"BEIJING HAS BEEN DIRECTLY HIT BY A GALACTUS FEELER. MASSIVE DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED."

GEE-ZUS!

REED!
WE'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING!

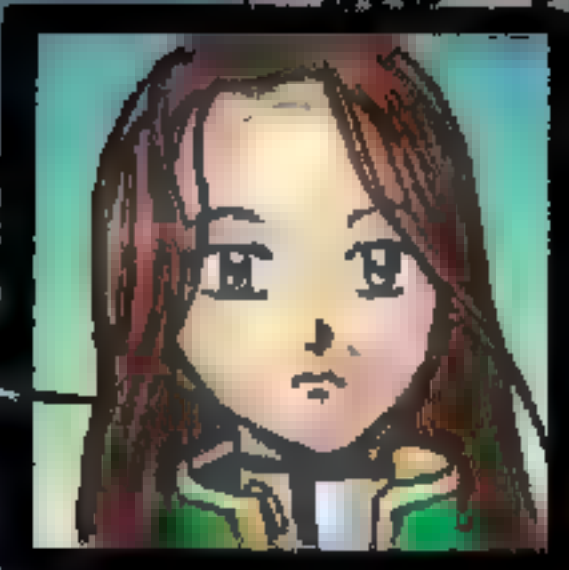
I HOPE
THAT KID'S
GOT WHAT IT
TAKES!

WE'LL SEE, BEN.
WE'LL SEE. UNTIL THEN,
WE MUST DO EVERYTHING
IN OUR POWER TO BUY HIM
SOME TIME.

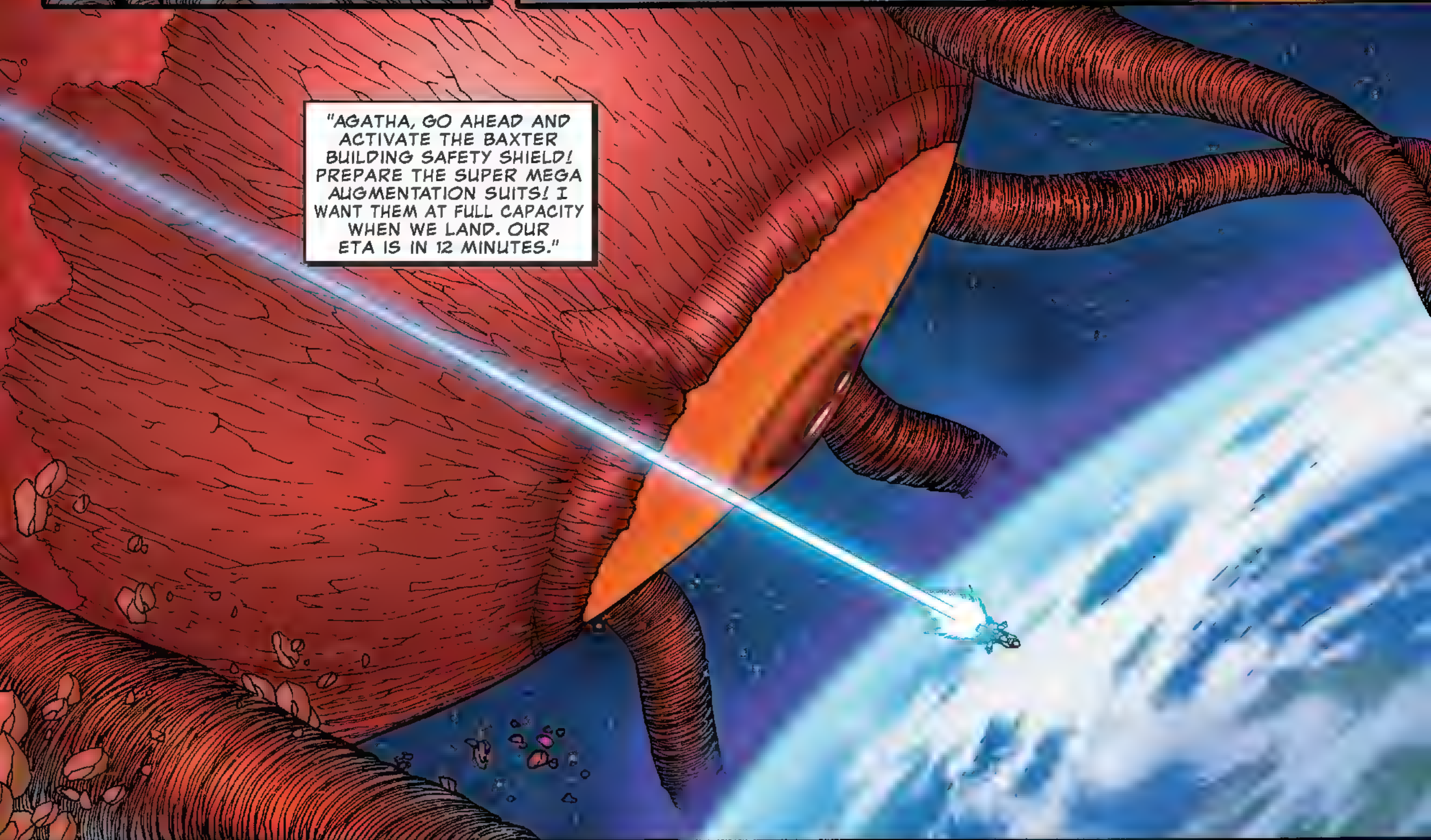
FF CODE
ALPHA. THIS IS
AGATHA TO
REED.



REED, THERE ARE THE LIVING SPORES YOU TOLD US TO EXPECT. THEY'RE **FEASTING** ON THE SURFACE. SOME OF THEM ARE MICROSCOPIC, WHILE OTHERS...



...ARE THE SIZE OF WHALES! WE'RE GOING TO NEED **YOUR** HELP!



"AGATHA, GO AHEAD AND ACTIVATE THE BAXTER BUILDING SAFETY SHIELD! PREPARE THE SUPER MEGA AUGMENTATION SUITS! I WANT THEM AT FULL CAPACITY WHEN WE LAND. OUR ETA IS IN 12 MINUTES."



I'LL BE BACK TO TAKE FULL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.



WOW...
THIS PLACE IS
AWESOME!

COMPUTO,
WHERE'S THE
ENTRANCE?

STRAIGHT
AHEAD, MASTER.
BUT I MUST WARN
YOU-- THIS IS THE
LAND OF THE
LAVA MEN.

"LAVA
MEN"? WHO
THE HECK
ARE...



YEEOWWW!!

THAT WAS
CLOSE!



OKAY...
SO THESE ARE
LAVA MEN...

THEY
GUARD THE
ENTRANCE,
MASTER.

An
intruder
invades our
land!

He flies!
He must be an
Inhuman!



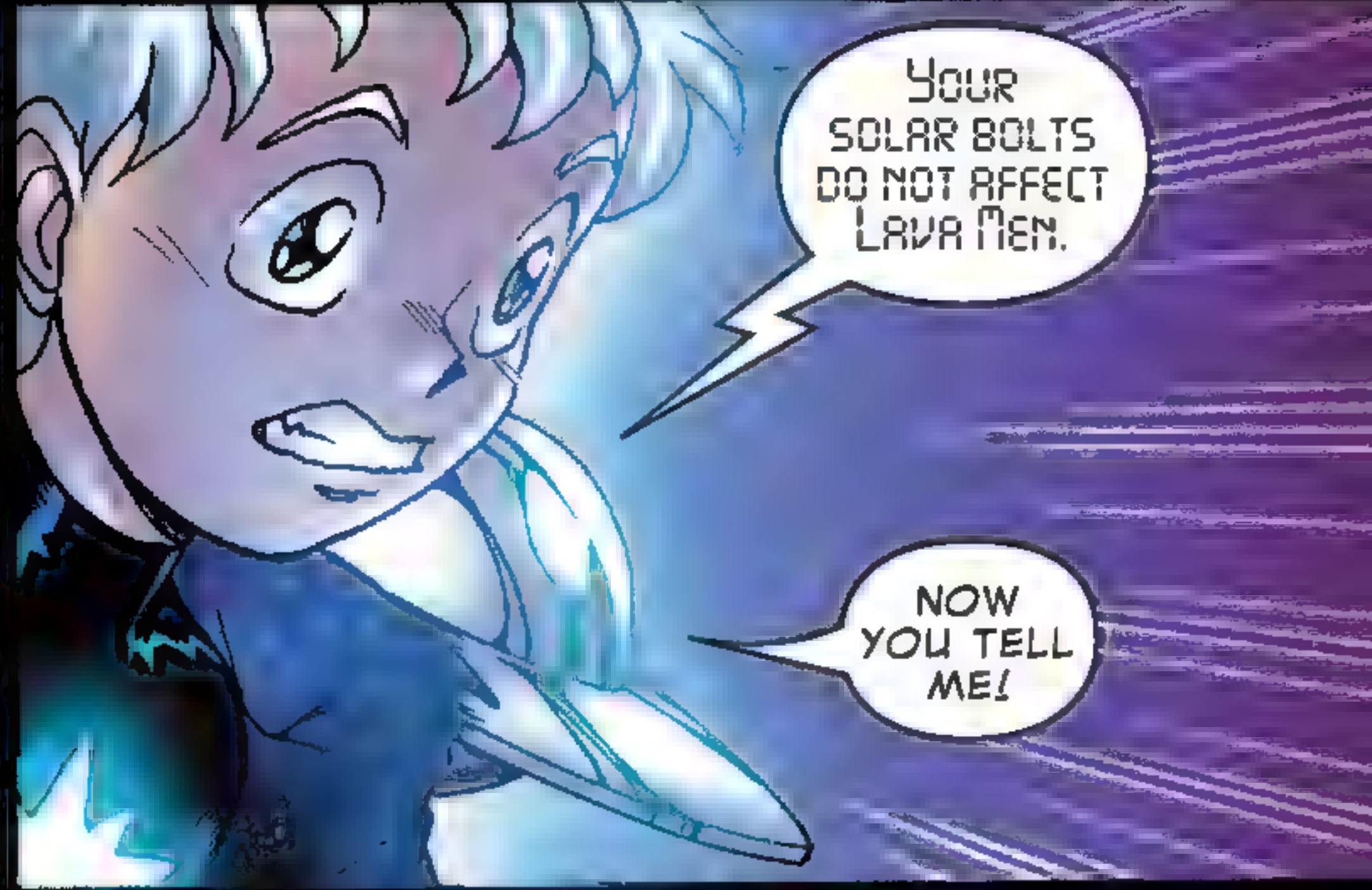
YOU GUYS
ARE IN MY WAY,
SO BACK OFF!

UH,
MASTER...



Prepare
the magma
cannon!

Kill the
Inhuman!



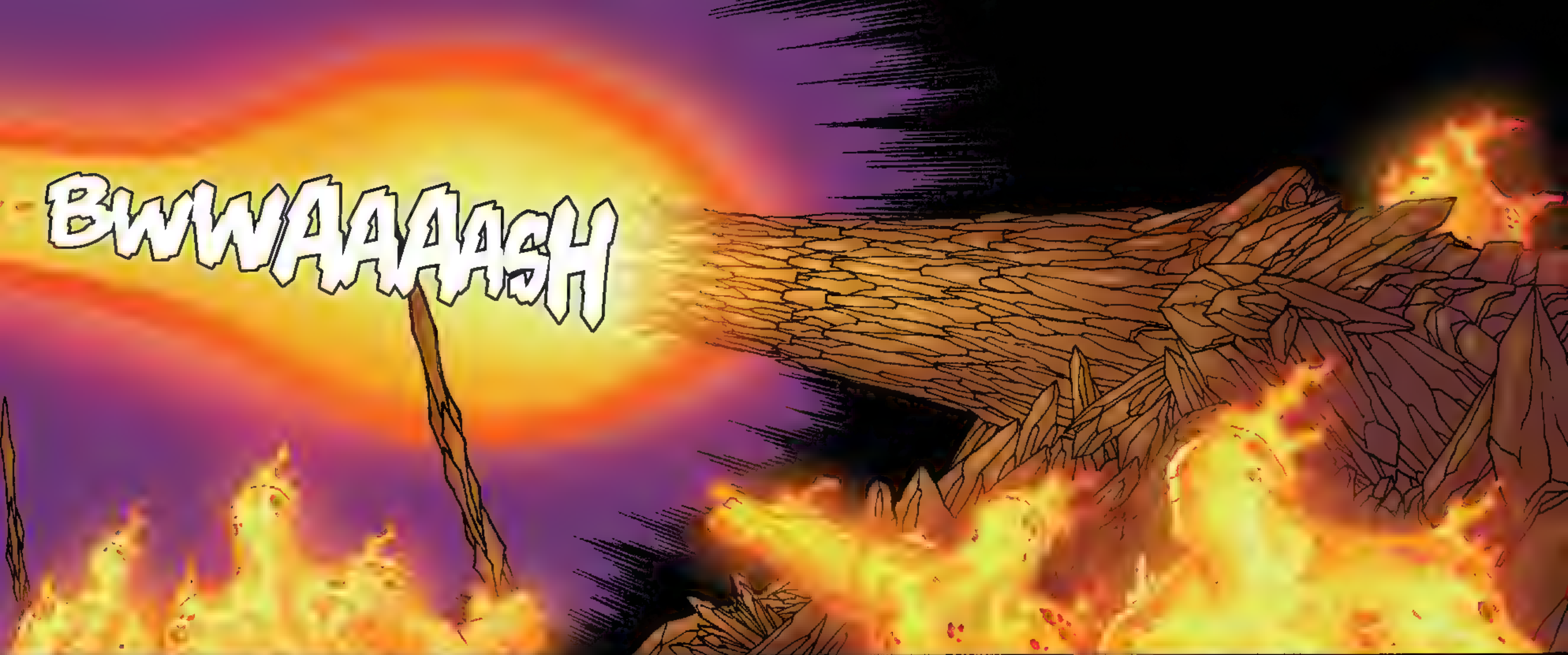
YOUR
SOLAR BOLTS
DO NOT AFFECT
LAVA MEN.

NOW
YOU TELL
ME!



COMPUTO,
I THINK WE'D
BETTER
GET OUT OF
HERE.

Fire the
cannon!!

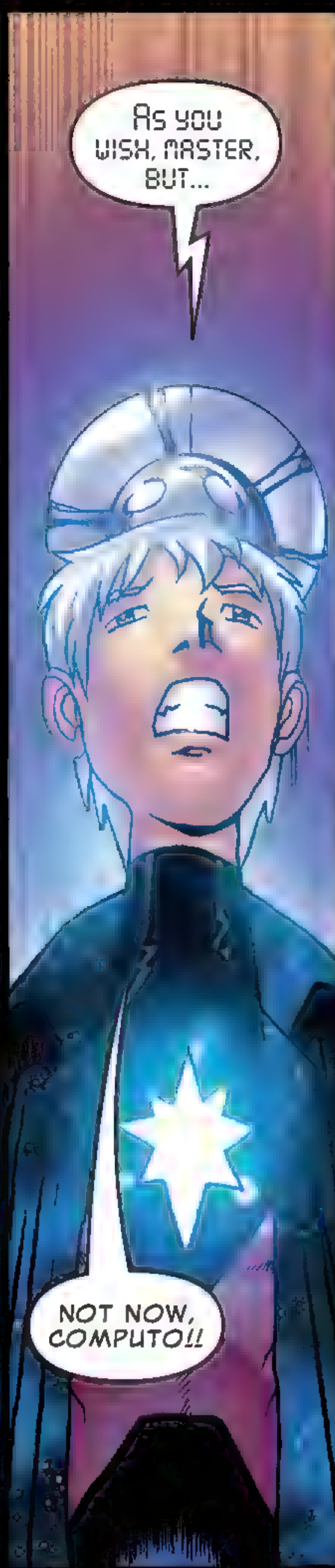


BWWAAAASH



DAMN!
THAT WAS
CLOSE!

LET'S
GO!



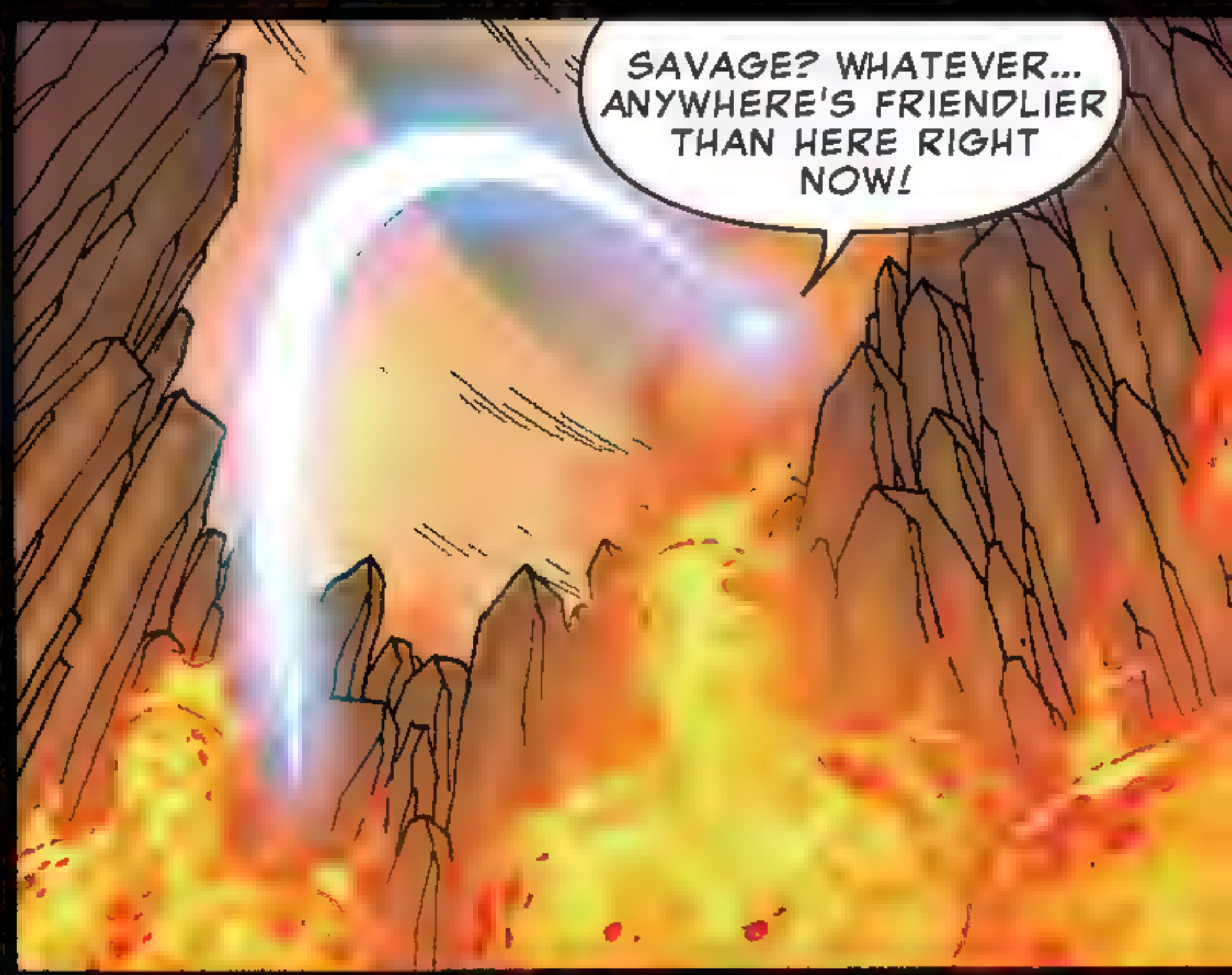
AS YOU
WISH, MASTER,
BUT...

NOT NOW,
COMPUTO!!



WAIT A
MINUTE! WHAT'S
THAT OVER
THERE?

IT IS
KNOWN AS
THE SAVAGE
LAND.



SAVAGE? WHATEVER...
ANYWHERE'S FRIENDLIER
THAN HERE RIGHT
NOW!



The Inhumans
prepare for an
attack!

Keega must
be alerted!

Galactus,
our lifegiver,
must be
safeguarded
at all costs.

THE BAXTER BUILDING.

WELCOME BACK, DR. RICHARDS.

HELLO, HERBIE.

INCOMING MESSAGE ON THE SECURE S.H.I.E.L.D. LINE.

PUT IT ON.

AGENT WINGFOOT.

DR. RICHARDS. PRESIDENT ROGERS AND COLONEL NICK FURY ARE WAITING ONLINE FOR YOU.

THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE.

DISCONNECT THEM.

WHAT?! ARE YOU INSANE?

NO.

GIVE THEM A MESSAGE, WYATT. TELL ROGERS AND FURY THAT I'M ASSUMING PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

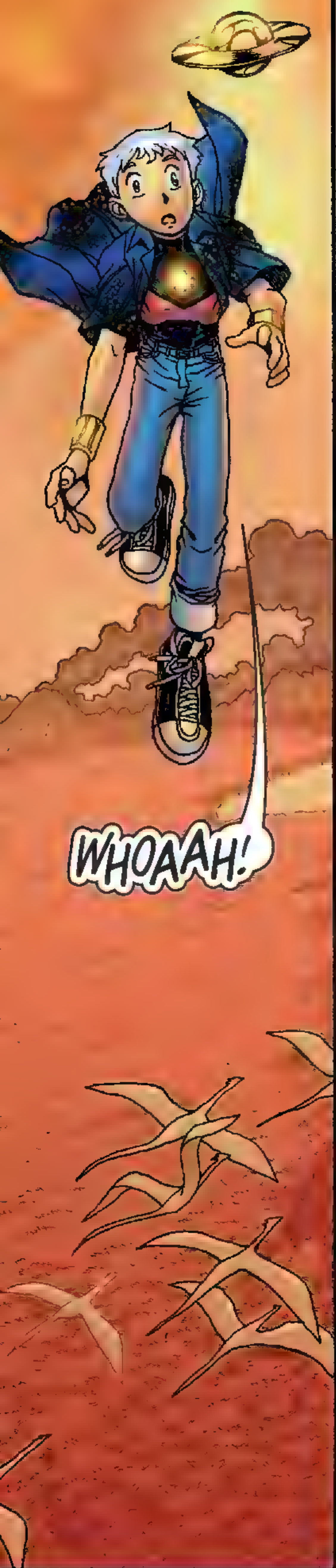
TELL THEM TO STAND BY FOR MY ORDERS.

I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LIKE THAT ONE BIT.

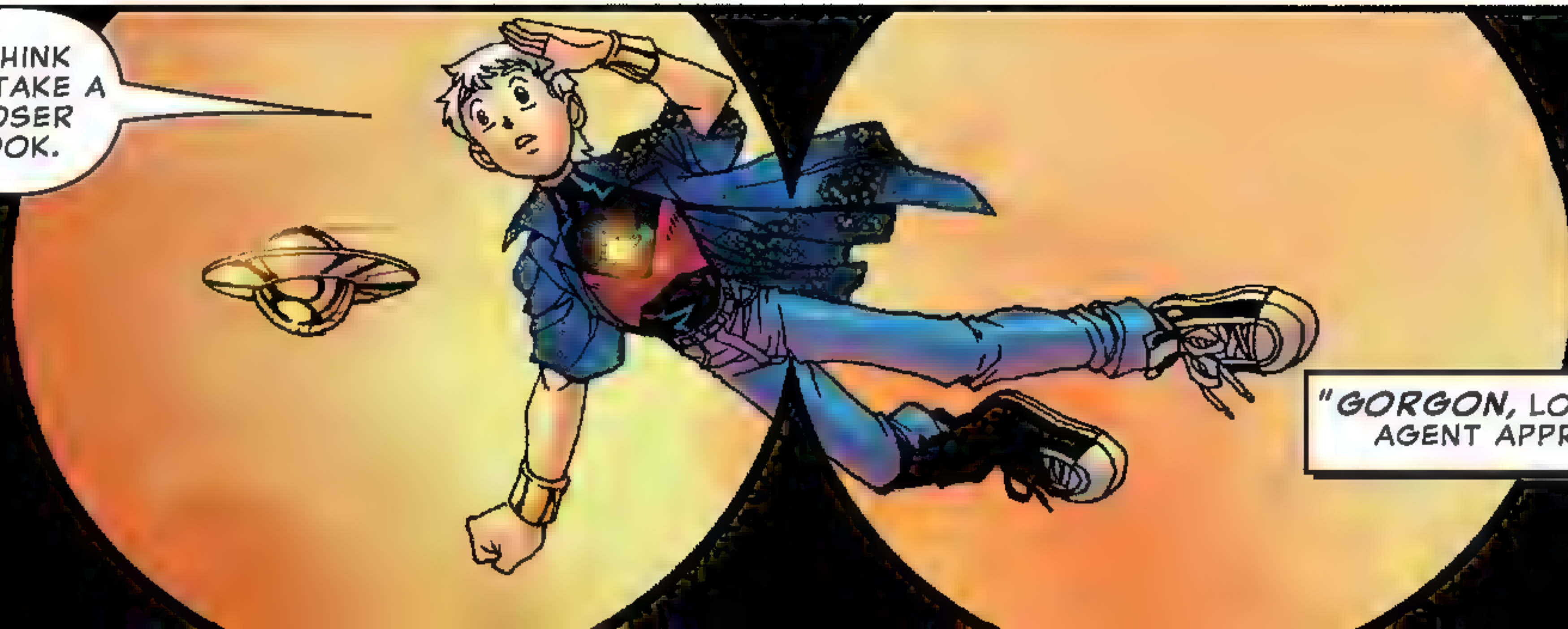
THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM.

REED! THERE'S A MRS. ELLWOOD ON THE PHONE FOR YOU.

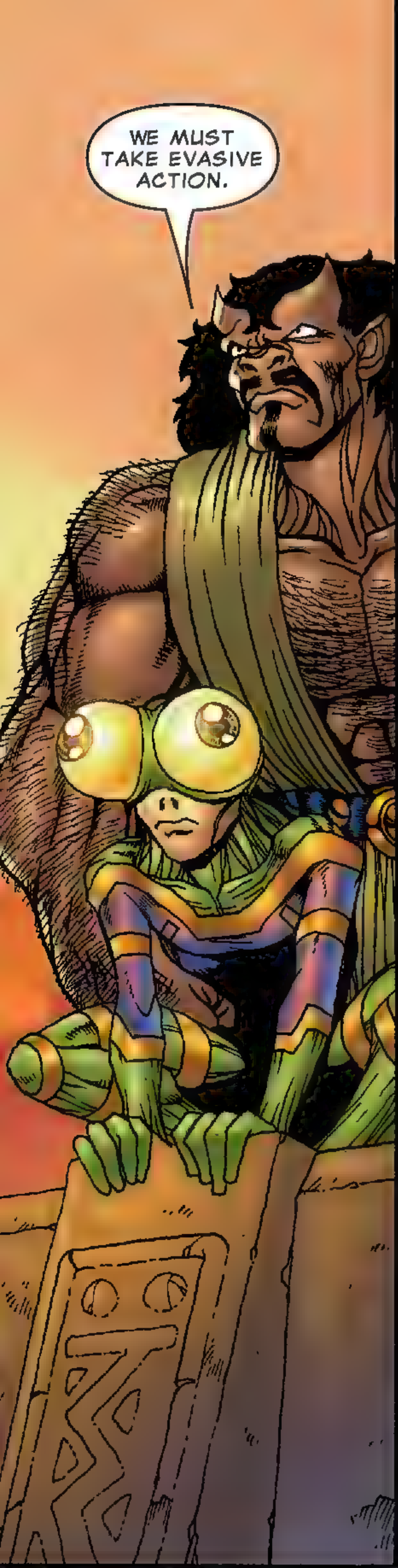
"SHE WANTS TO
KNOW WHAT YOU'VE
DONE WITH MARV."

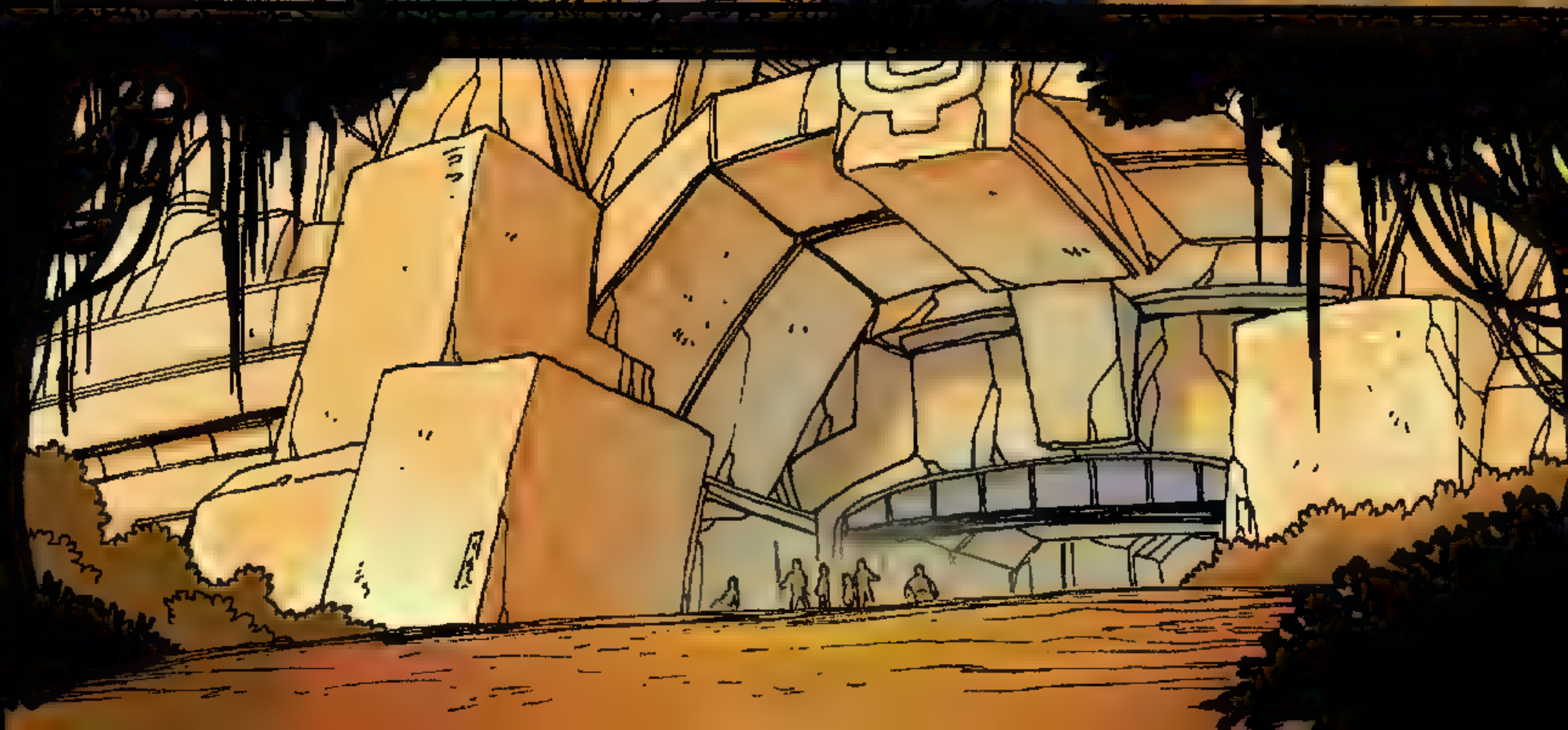
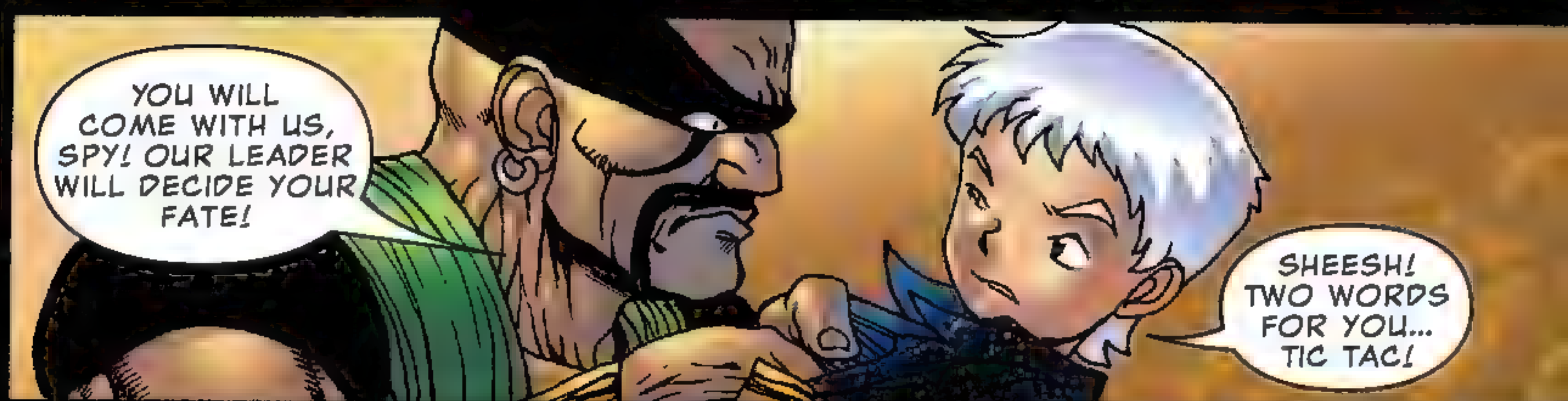
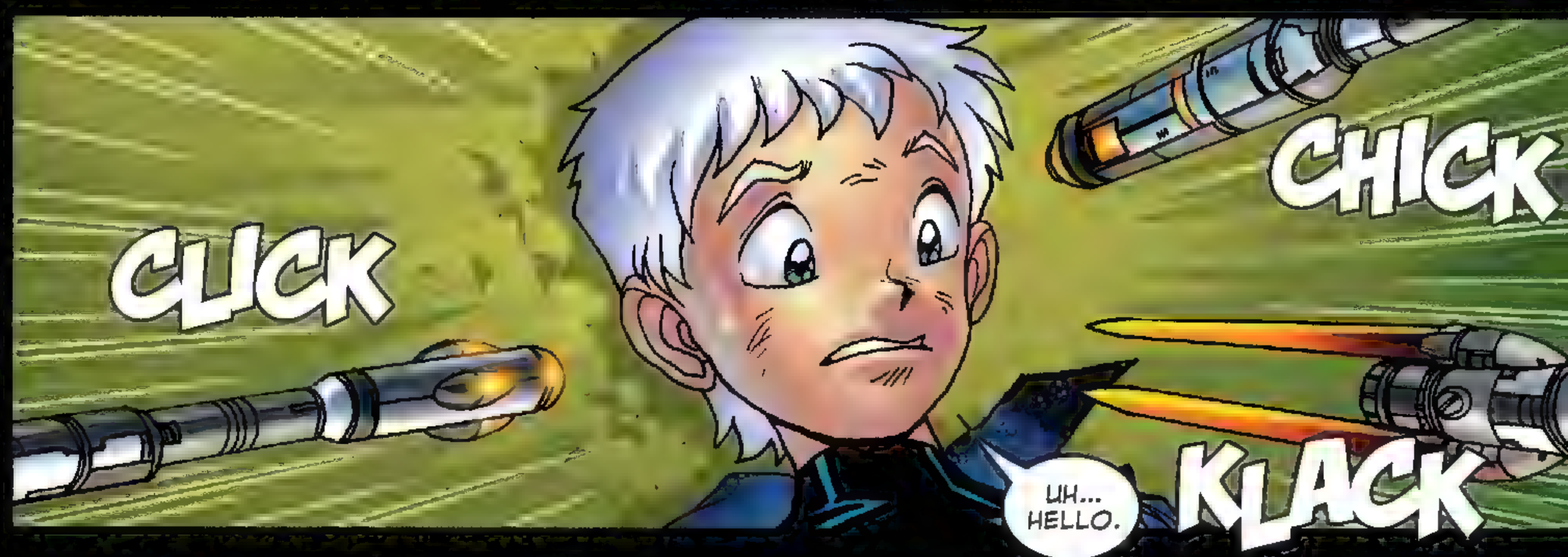


I THINK
I'LL TAKE A
CLOSER
LOOK.



"GORGON, LOOK! A SKRULL
AGENT APPROACHES!"







LOOK, I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN, MRS. ELLWOOD, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR HIM NOW.

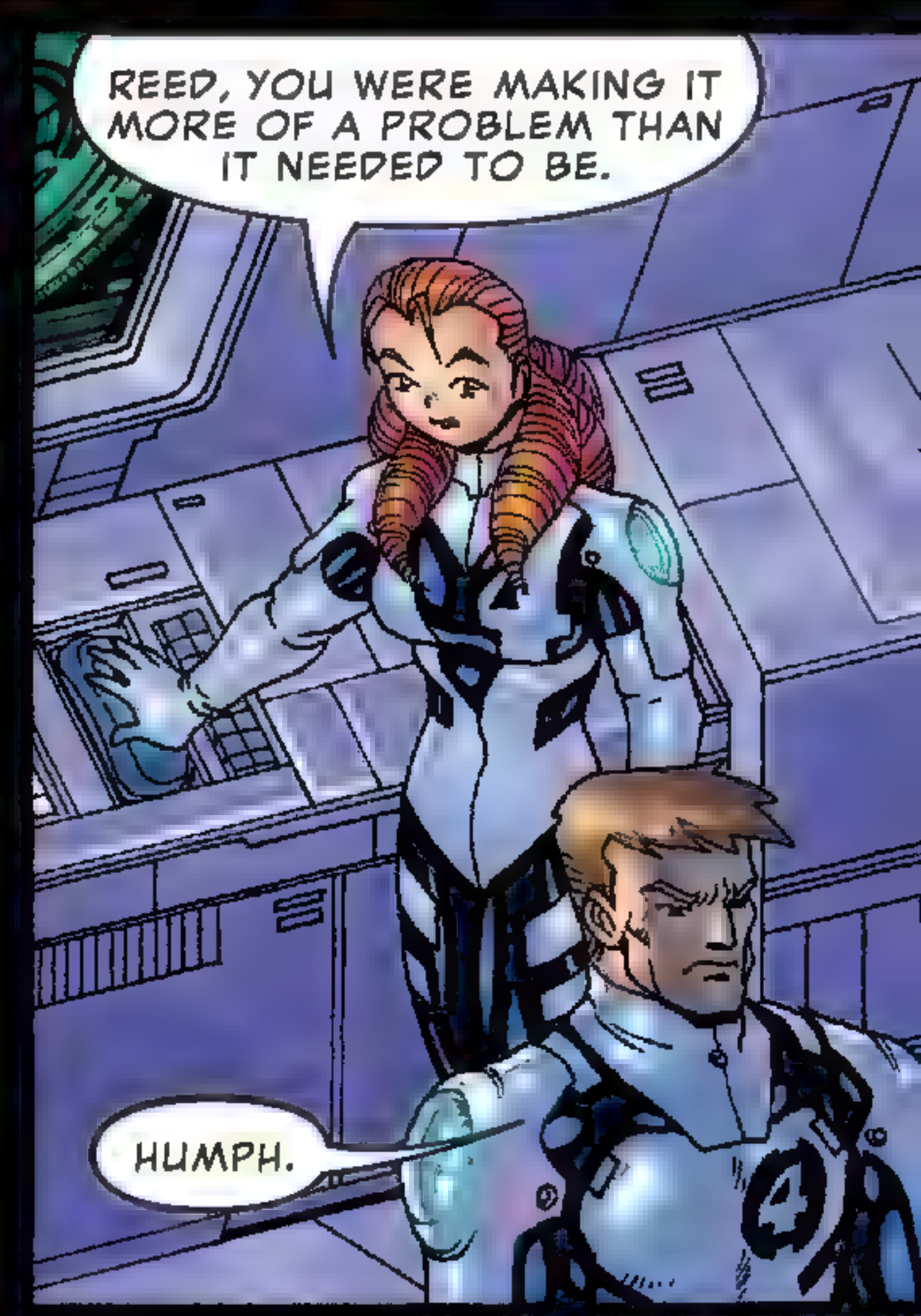


REED, LET ME TAKE OVER.



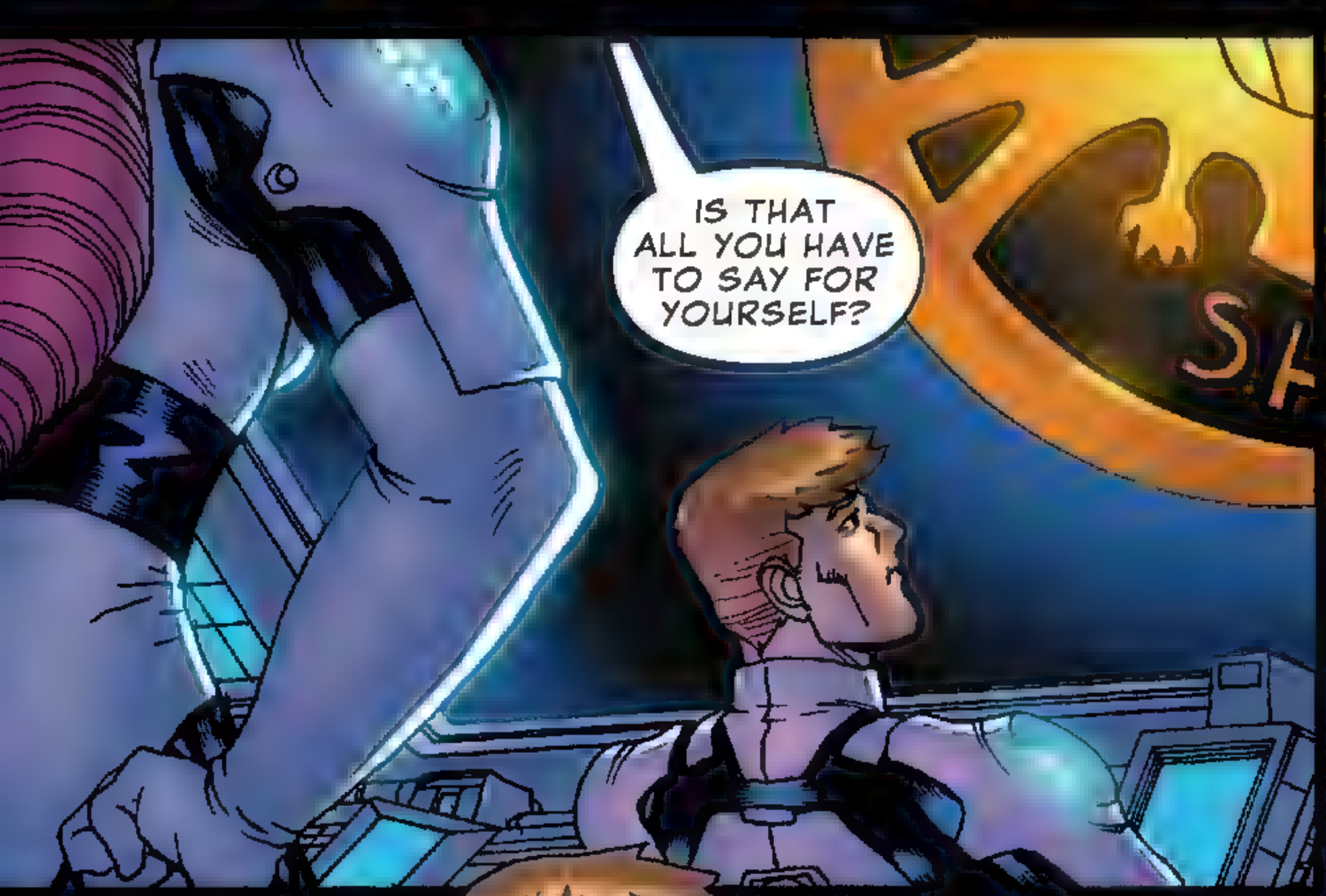
MRS. ELLWOOD, THIS IS JONATHA STORM. WOULD IT HELP MATTERS IF YOU WERE HERE WITH US?

GOOD, I'LL SEND SOMEONE TO GET YOU IMMEDIATELY. WE CAN BRIEF YOU ON THE SITUATION WHEN YOU ARRIVE.



REED, YOU WERE MAKING IT MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN IT NEEDED TO BE.

HUMPH.



IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?



WYATT, PUT A MESSAGE THROUGH TO PRESIDENT ROGERS.

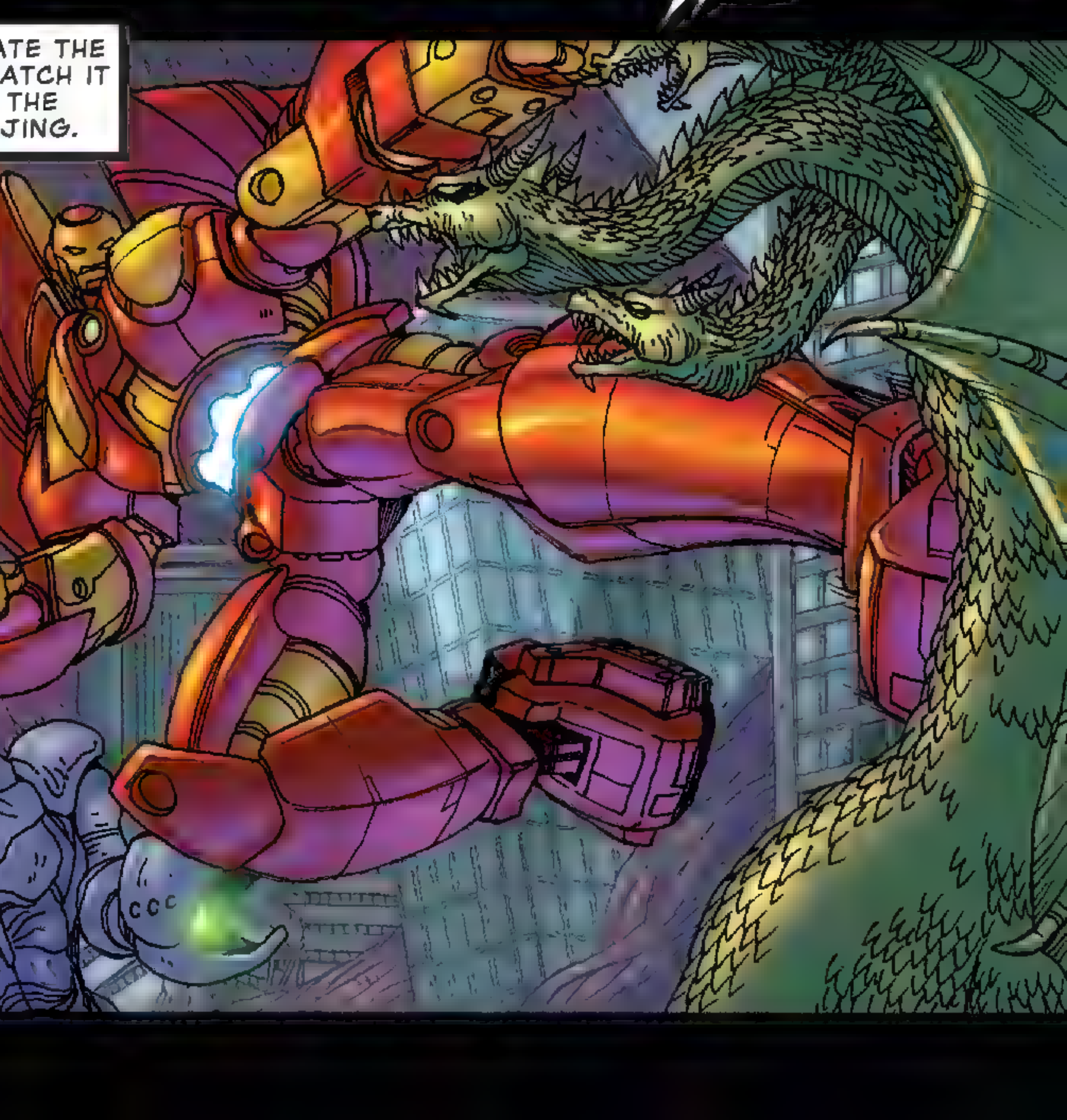
I'M LISTENING, REED.



"ORDER ROGERS TO ACTIVATE THE AVENGERS MECHA AND DISPATCH IT TO CHINA TO DEAL WITH THE GALACTUS SPORES IN BEIJING.

"NEW YORK'S STILL IN A WEAKENED STATE AFTER OUR RUN-IN WITH THE HULK, SO TELL FURY TO BRING THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER HERE-- JUST IN CASE.

"THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM BUSY AND LET ME GET ON WITH MORE PRESSING MATTERS."



MY LORD!
I BRING YOU
THE SKRULL
SPY.



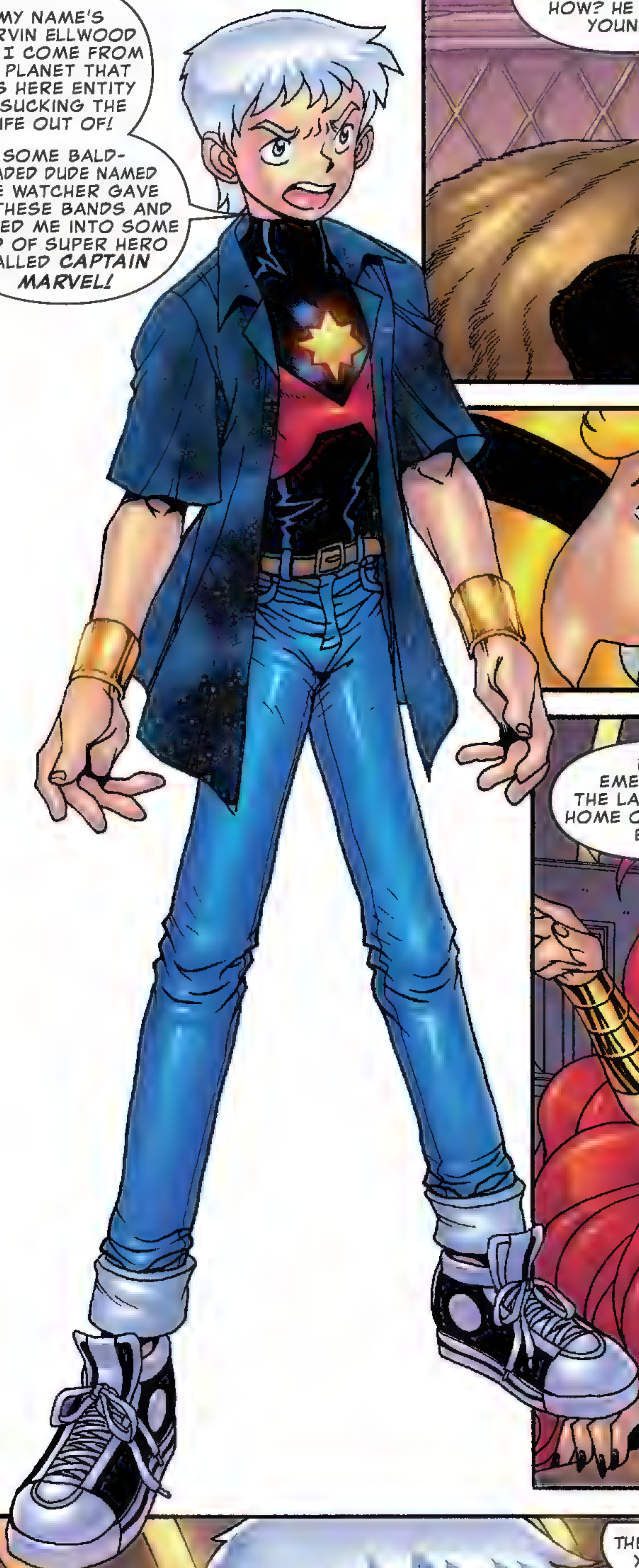
HI,
THERE.

MY LORD, I RECOMMEND
WE EXECUTE HIM IMMEDIATELY
AFTER WE OBTAIN ANY USEFUL
INFORMATION!

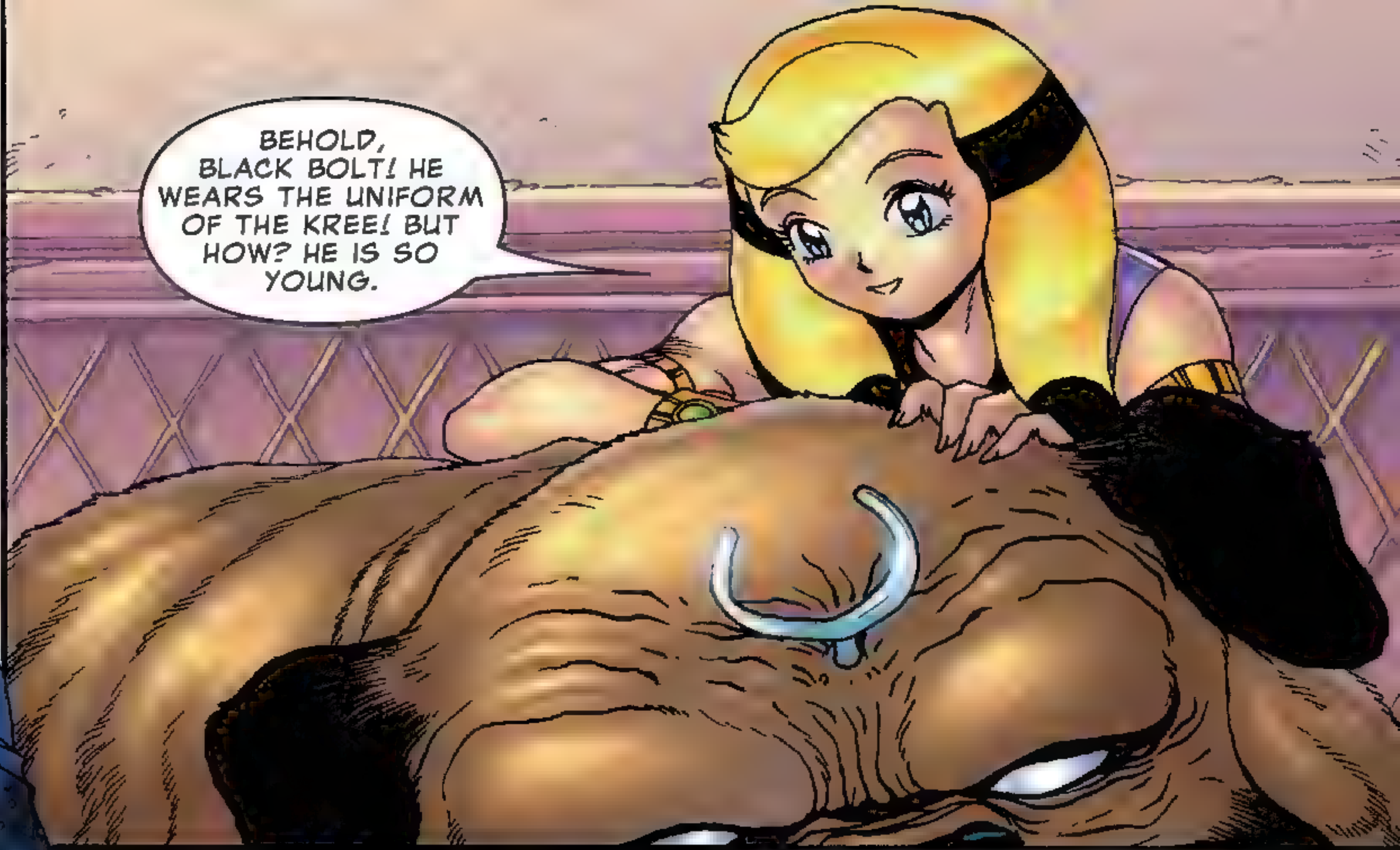
WAIT JUST
A MINUTE! I'M
NO SKRULL!

MY NAME'S
MARVIN ELLWOOD
AND I COME FROM
THE PLANET THAT
THIS HERE ENTITY
IS SUCKING THE
LIFE OUT OF!

SOME BALD-
HEADED DUDE NAMED
THE WATCHER GAVE
ME THESE BANDS AND
TURNED ME INTO SOME
KIND OF SUPER HERO
CALLED CAPTAIN
MARVEL!



BEHOLD,
BLACK BOLT! HE
WEARS THE UNIFORM
OF THE KREE! BUT
HOW? HE IS SO
YOUNG.



UH, WELL, I
JUST TURNED
THIRTEEN.

SORRY, BUT
I'M KINDA NEW
AT THIS...



BUT YOU
EMERGED FROM
THE LAVA LANDS, THE
HOME OF OUR SWORN
ENEMIES.

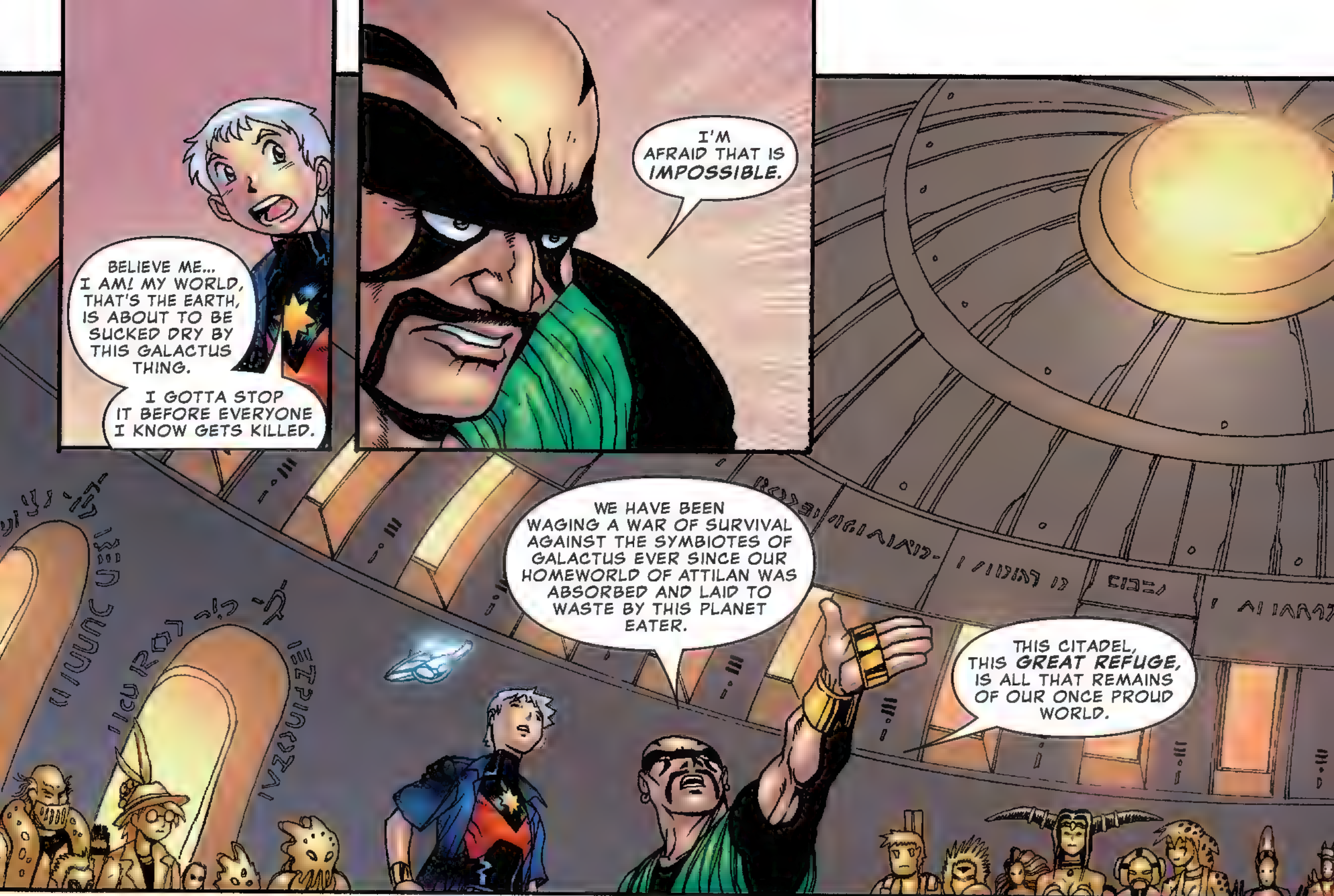


YEAH, I DID.
THEY WERE REAL
JERKS! AND
YOU GUYS AREN'T
MUCH BETTER. LOOK,
I'M NOT HERE TO
GET MIXED UP IN
ANY FEUDS.

THEN WHY ARE
YOU HERE?

YOU SHOULD
BE AWARE OF THE
DANGER PRESENT ON
THIS INHOSPITABLE
WORLD.





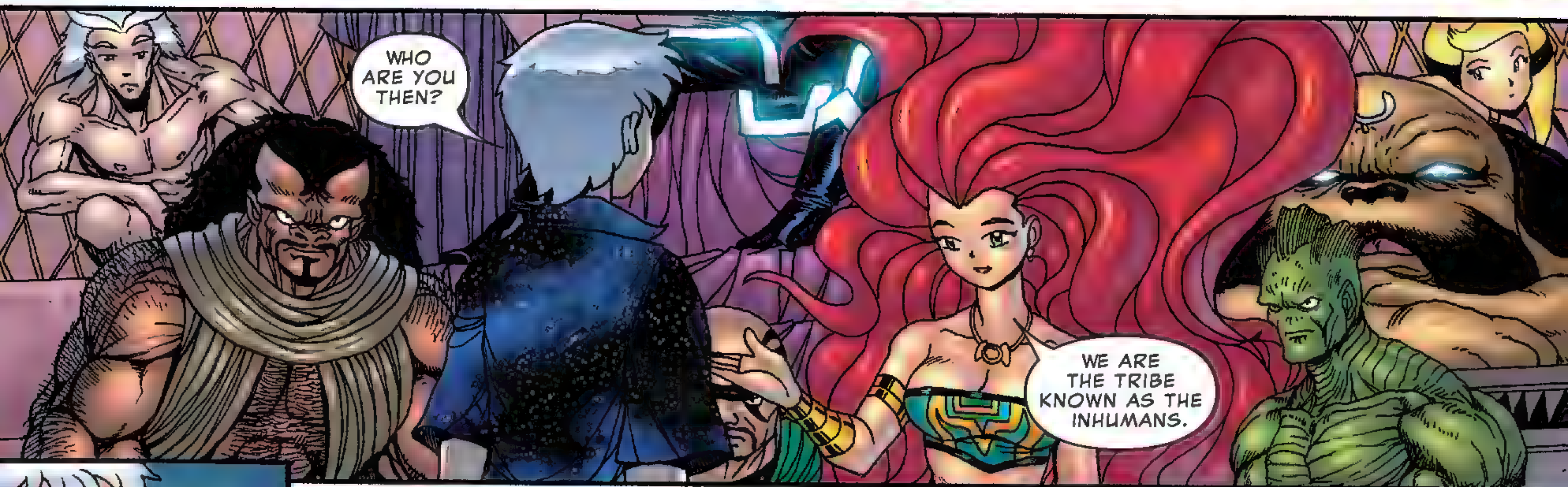
BELIEVE ME...
I AM! MY WORLD,
THAT'S THE EARTH,
IS ABOUT TO BE
SUCKED DRY BY
THIS GALACTUS
THING.

I GOTTA STOP
IT BEFORE EVERYONE
I KNOW GETS KILLED.

I'M
AFRAID THAT IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

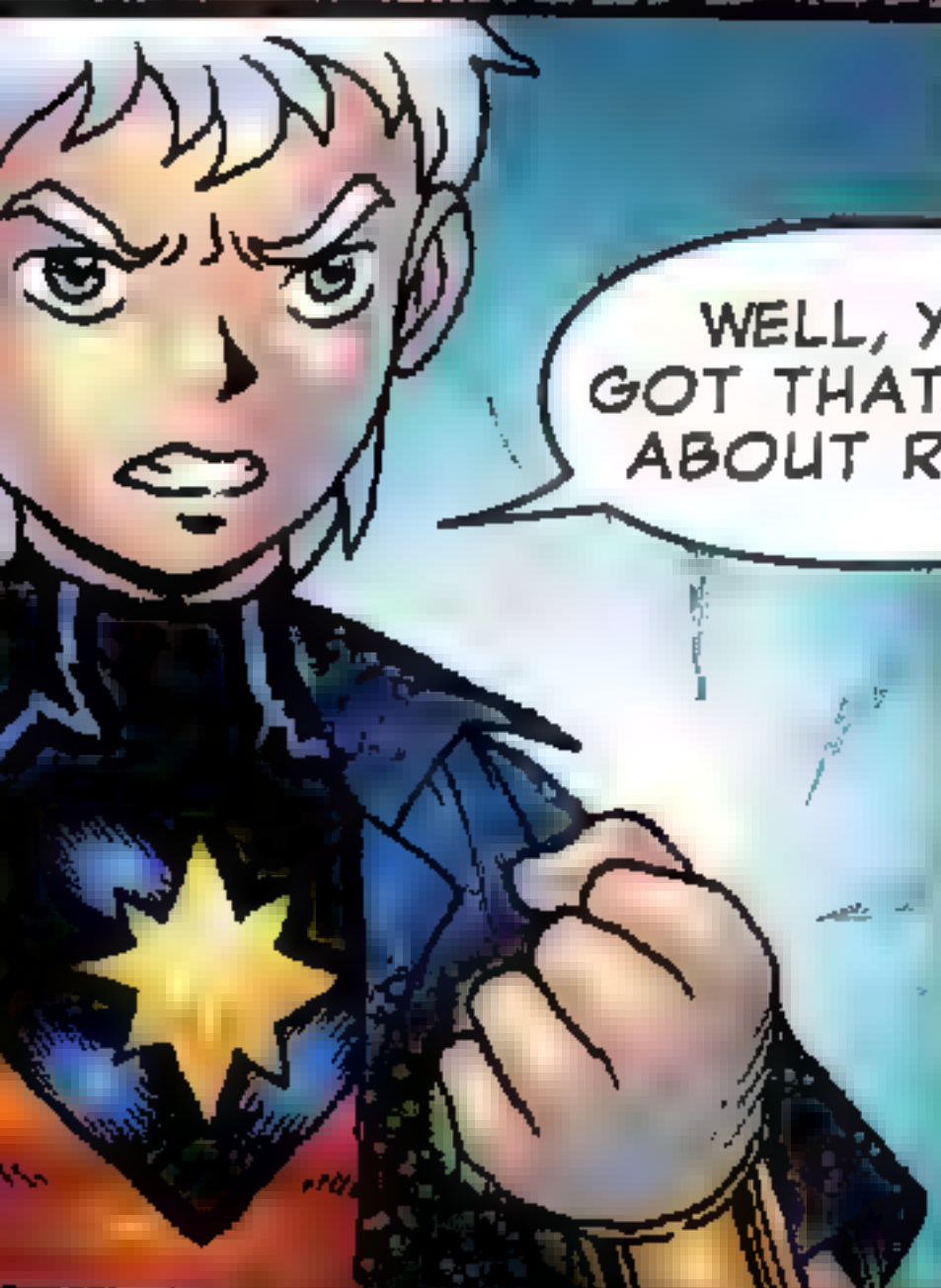
WE HAVE BEEN
WAGING A WAR OF SURVIVAL
AGAINST THE SYMBIOTES OF
GALACTUS EVER SINCE OUR
HOMEWORLD OF ATILAN WAS
ABSORBED AND LAID TO
WASTE BY THIS PLANET
EATER.

THIS CITADEL,
THIS *GREAT REFUGE*,
IS ALL THAT REMAINS
OF OUR ONCE PROUD
WORLD.



WHO
ARE YOU
THEN?

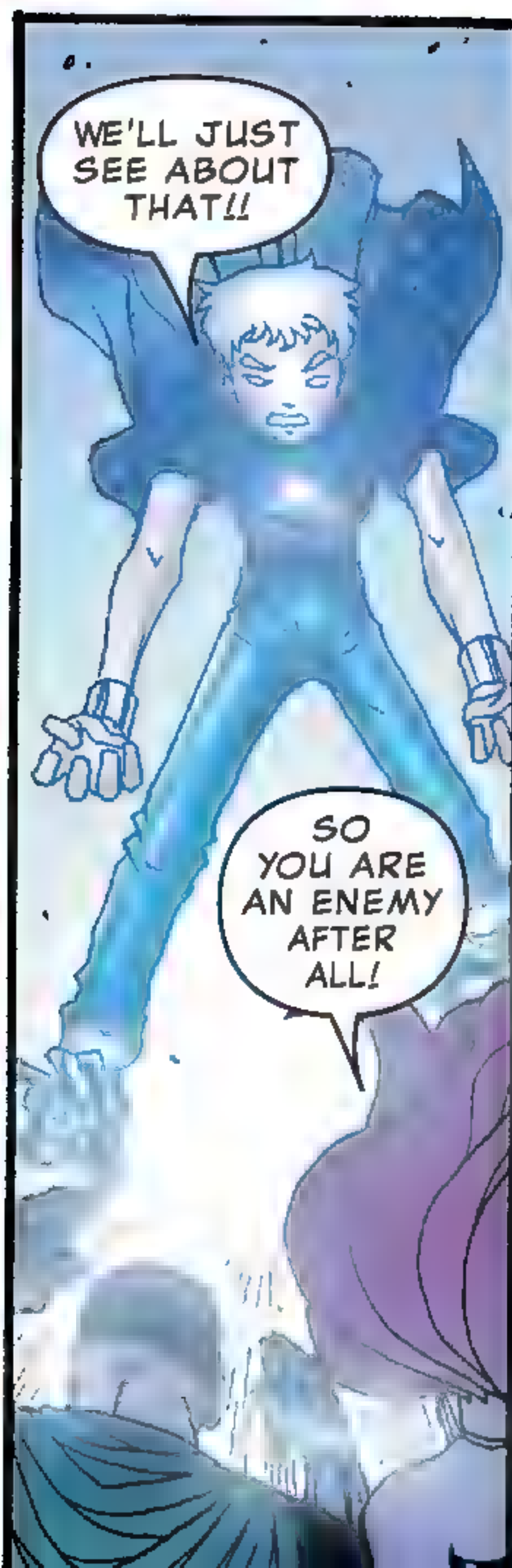
WE ARE
THE TRIBE
KNOWN AS THE
INHUMANS.



WELL, YOU
GOT THAT JUST
ABOUT RIGHT.

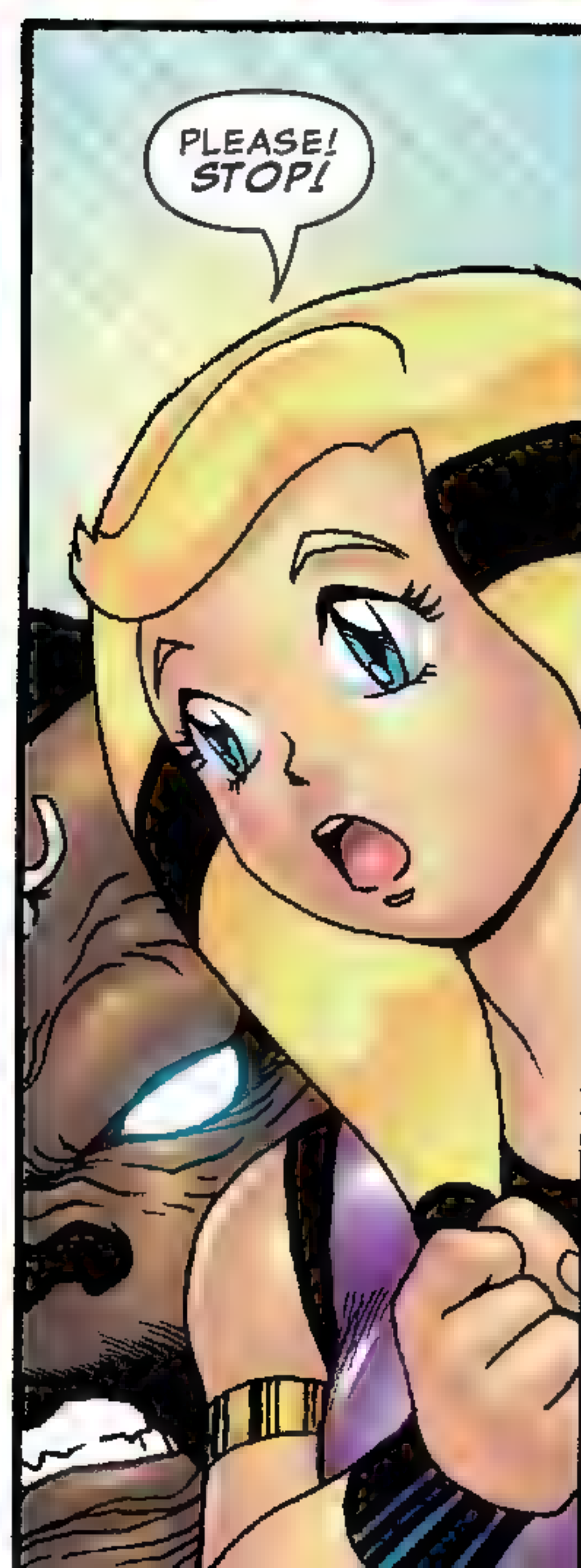
CAPTAIN MARVEL,
YOU DO NOT STAND A
CHANCE. THE SYMBIOTES
LOOK UPON GALACTUS AS
THEIR LIFEGIVER. THEY ARE
FANATICAL IN ITS
DEFENSE.

THIS IS OUR
WORLD, EARTHER! WE
WILL NOT STAND BY AND
ALLOW YOU TO DESTROY
IT! EVEN IF IT MEANS
YOUR WORLD MUST
DIE!

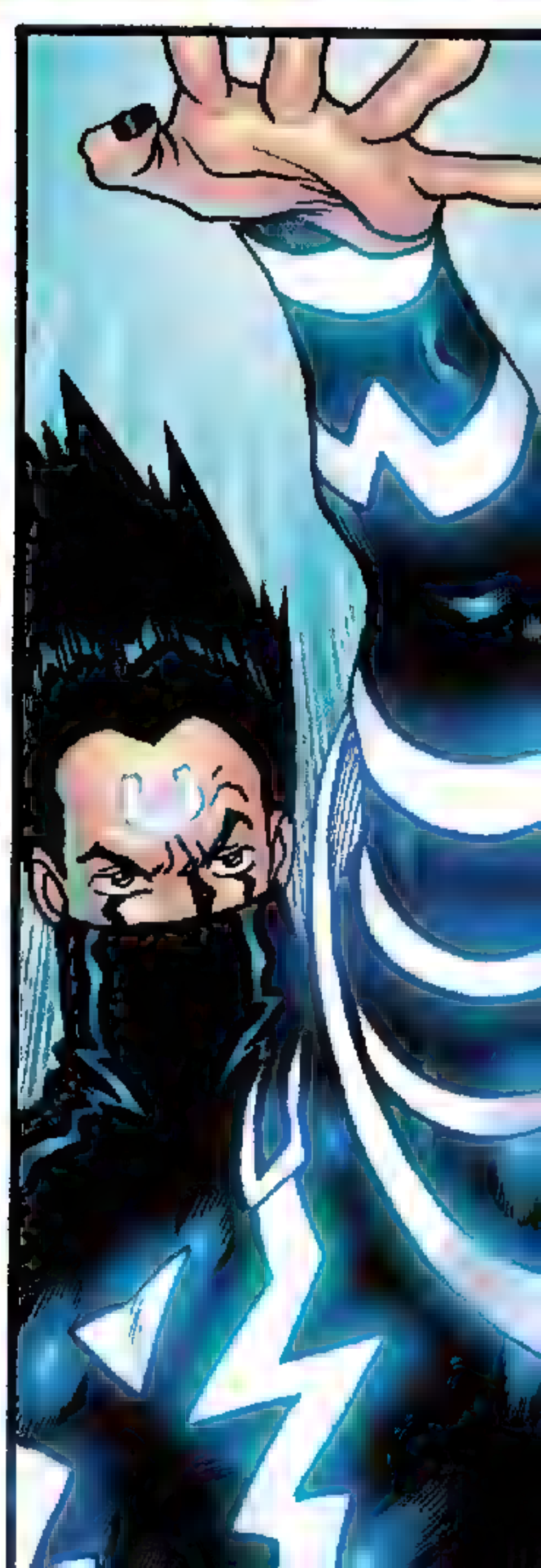


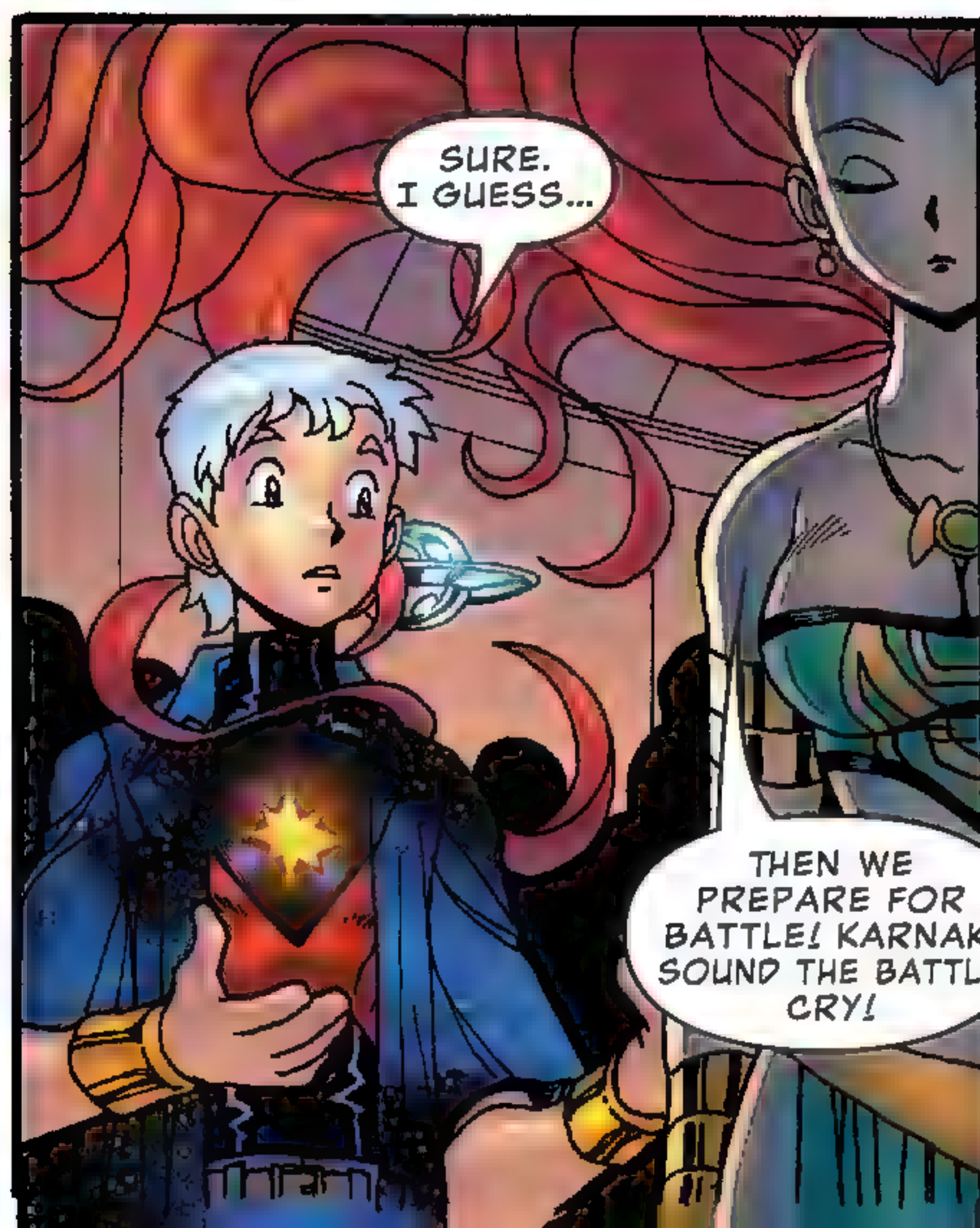
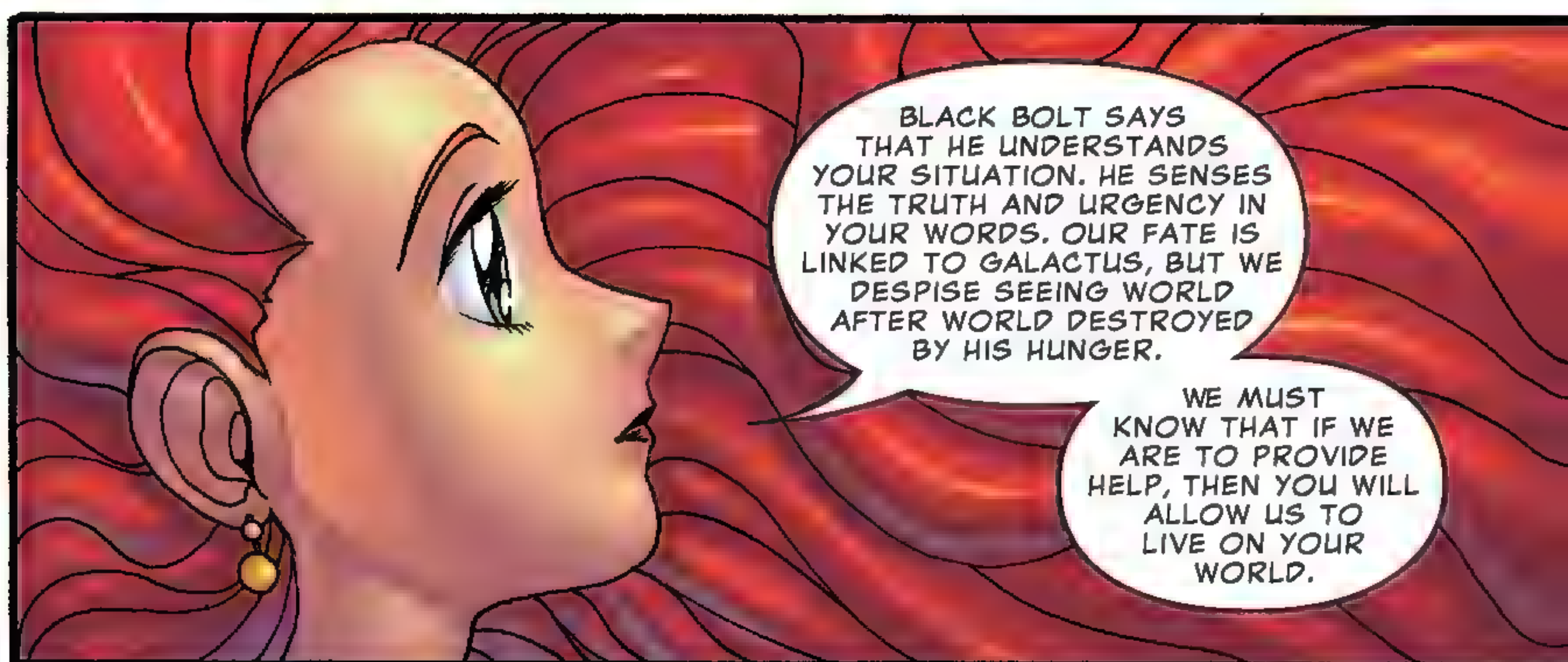
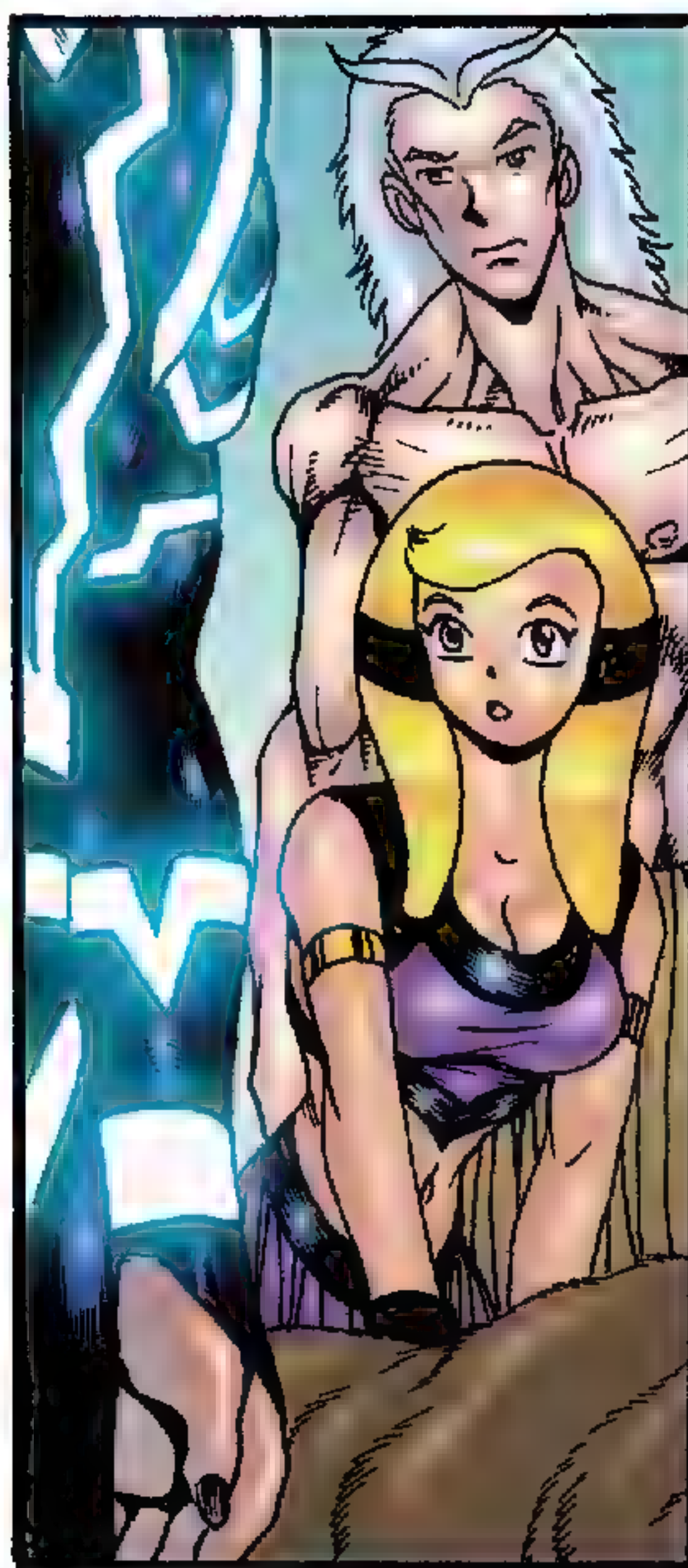
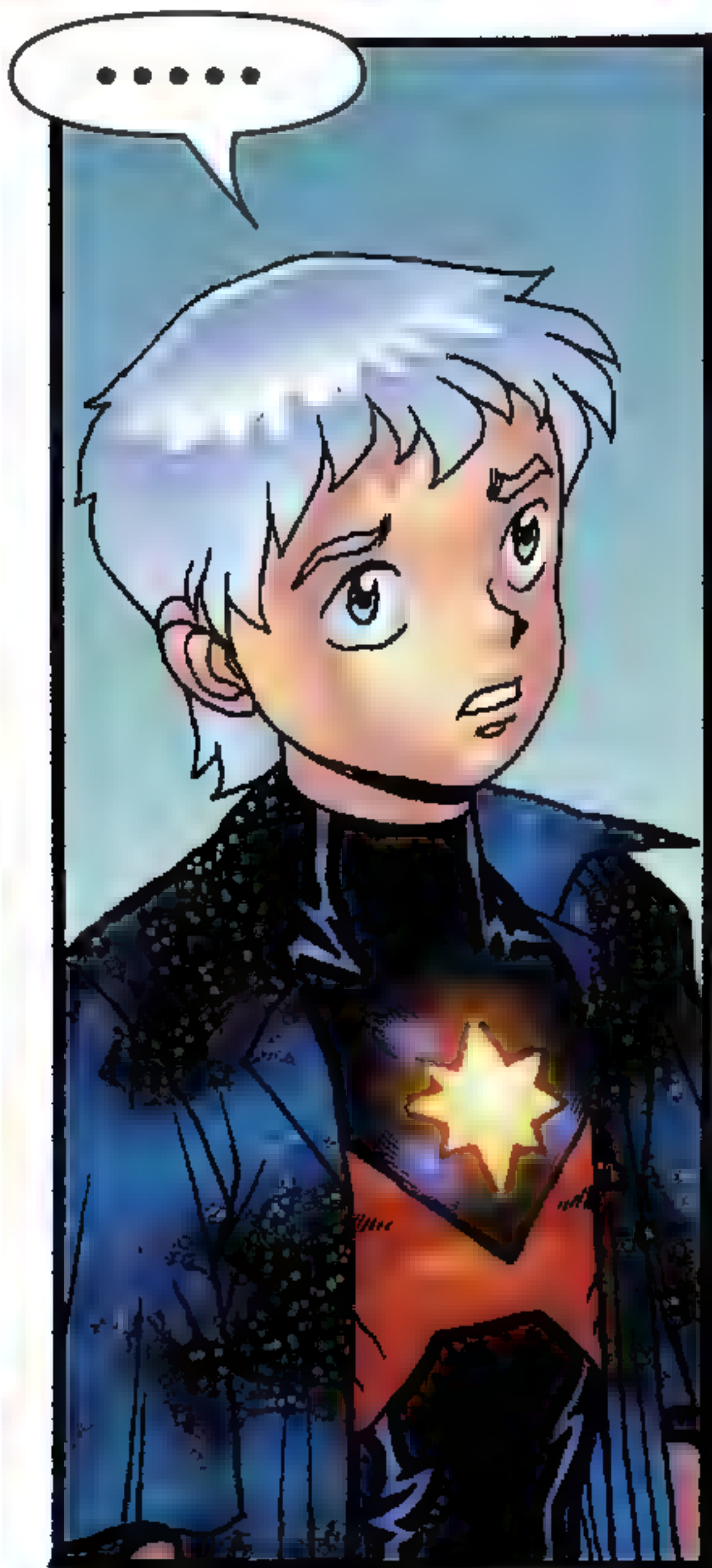
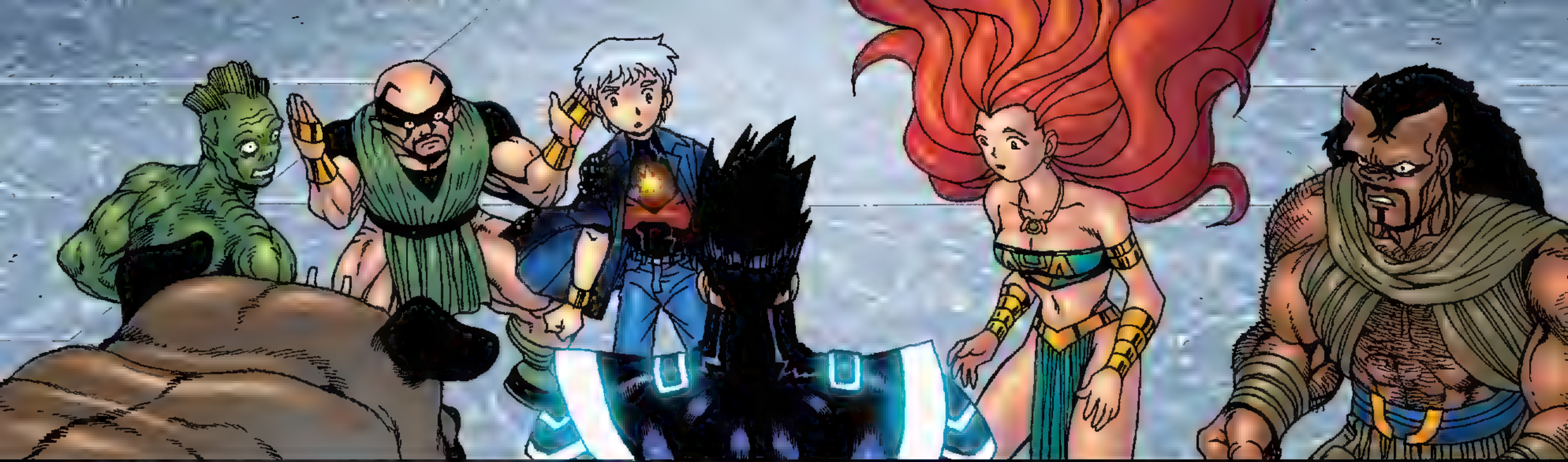
WE'LL JUST
SEE ABOUT
THAT!!

SO
YOU ARE
AN ENEMY
AFTER
ALL!



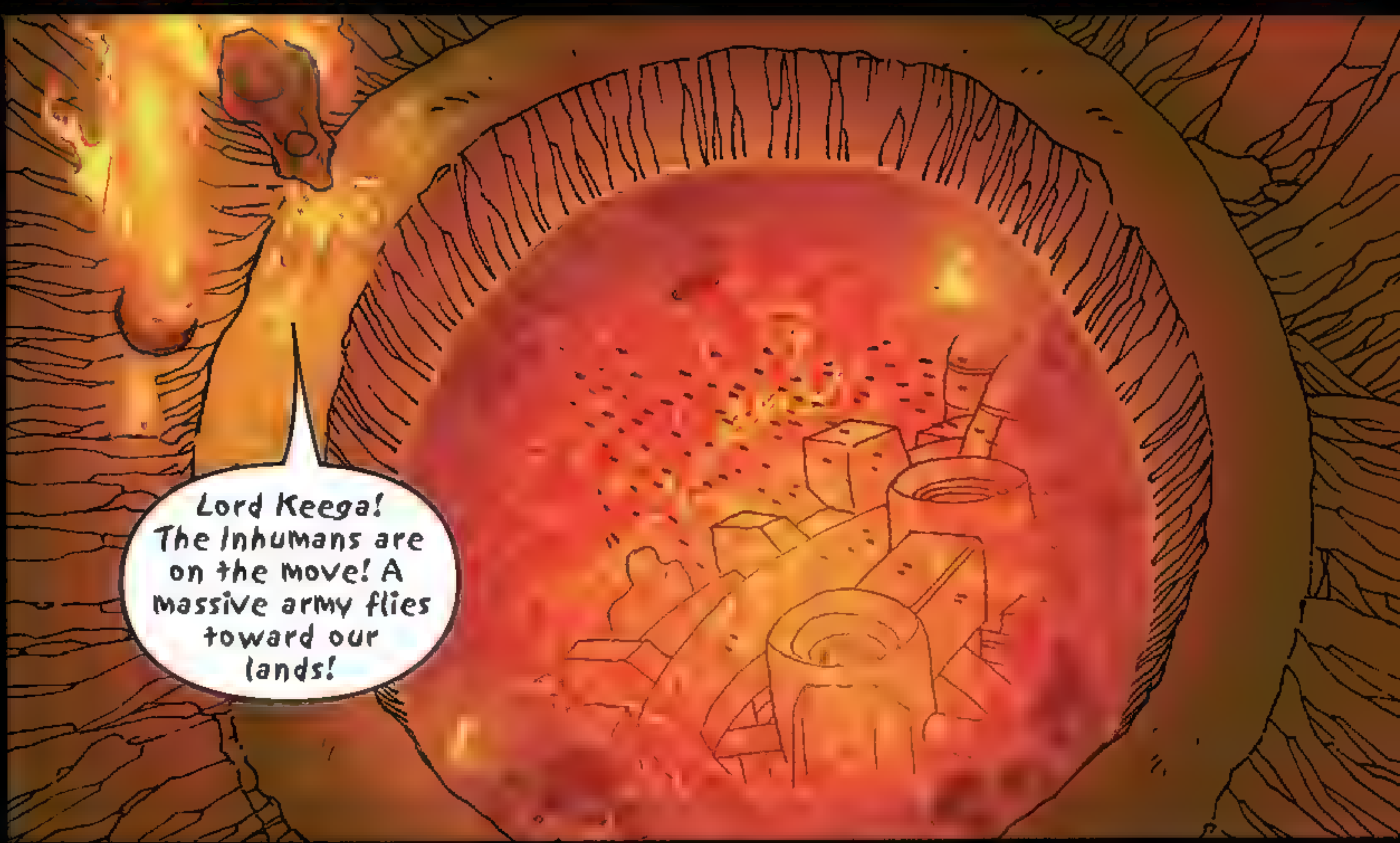
PLEASE!
STOP!







AT LAST!
WE WILL NO LONGER
HAVE TO WANDER!
WE WILL HAVE A WORLD
OF OUR OWN
AGAIN!!



Lord Keega!
The Inhumans are
on the move! A
massive army flies
toward our
lands!



I see.
They are led
by an off-
worlder...

Impossible!
He wears the colors
of the accursed
Kree!



A KREE? AT LONG LAST!
A WARRIOR WORTHY
OF MY POWER!

What
shall we do,
my Lord?



DO, MARMAKAA?
RALLY ALL THE TROOPS
AND PREPARE THE
LAVA WALL.

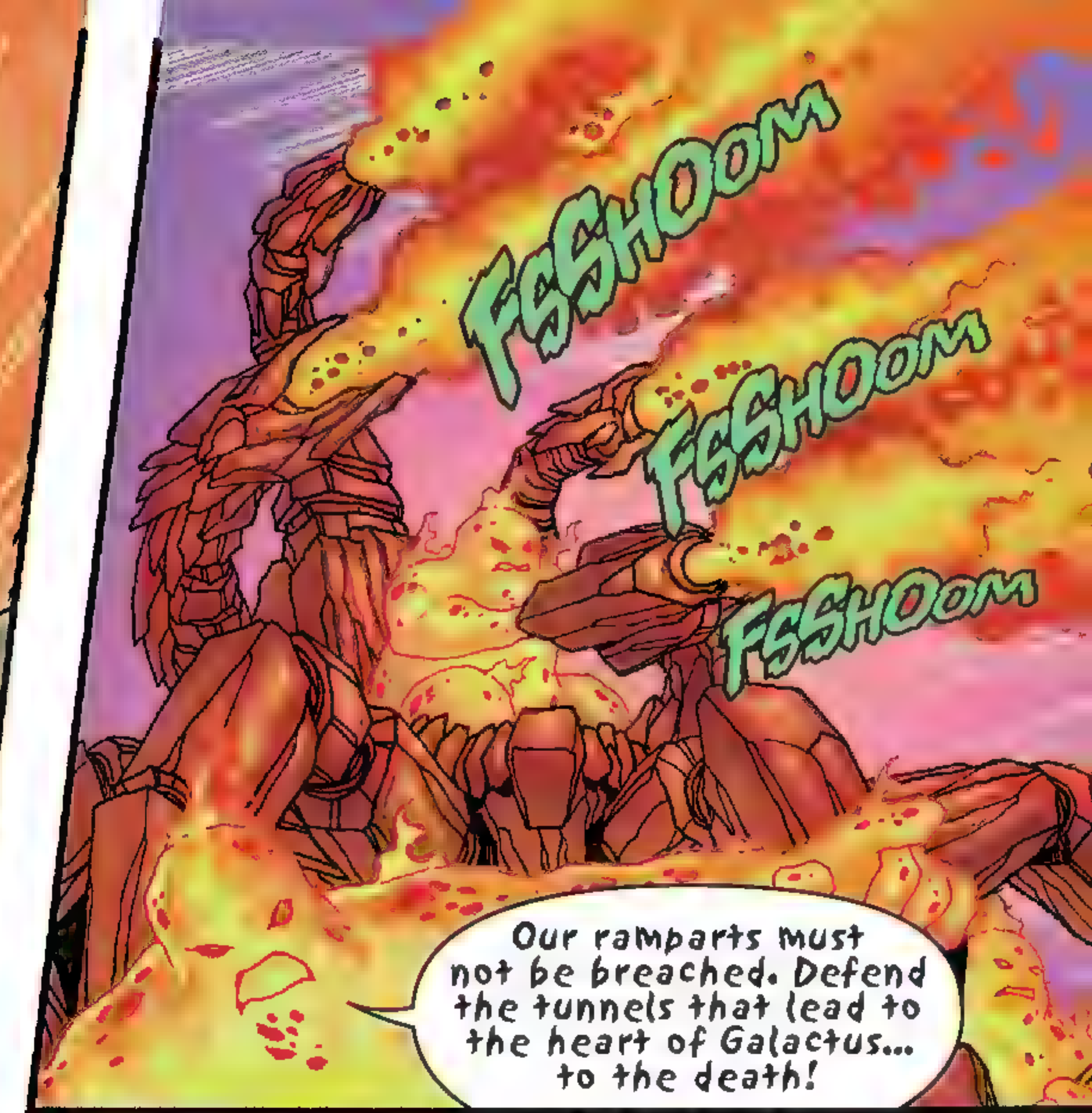
WE WILL
DESTROY THIS KREE
INTERLOPER AND FINISH
OFF THE INHUMANS
ONCE AND FOR
ALL.







FOLKS,
I THINK WE'RE IN
BIG TROUBLE...



Our ramparts must
not be breached. Defend
the tunnels that lead to
the heart of Galactus...
to the death!



WHAT
THE...?!



DON'T YOU
WORRY ABOUT
THESE GUYS. I'LL
TAKE CARE OF
THEM!

THE EVIL ENTITY

KEVIN GUNSTONE AND BEN DUNN
S T O R Y

BEN DUNN A R T	GURU EFX C O L O R S
DAVE SHARPE L E T T E R S	C.B. CEBULSKI E D I T O R
BRIAN SMITH C O N S U L T I N G	RALPH MACCHIO E D I T O R S
JOE QUESADA C H I E F	BILL JEMAS P R E S I D E N T

THE BAXTER BUILDING.

REED, MRS. ELLWOOD'S HERE TO SEE YOU!

MR. RICHARDS, I'M GOING TO GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY SON?!

MARV'S NOT HERE AT THE MOMENT... I ASSUME HE'S TACKLING THAT PLANETARY VIRUS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN...

HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO HIM? HE'S ONLY A CHILD!

HE'S NOT LIKE MY HUSBAND... HE'S NOT A SUPER HERO!

ACTUALLY, HE IS.

JONATHA, DOESN'T SHE LOOK A LITTLE FAMILIAR TO YOU?

I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING...

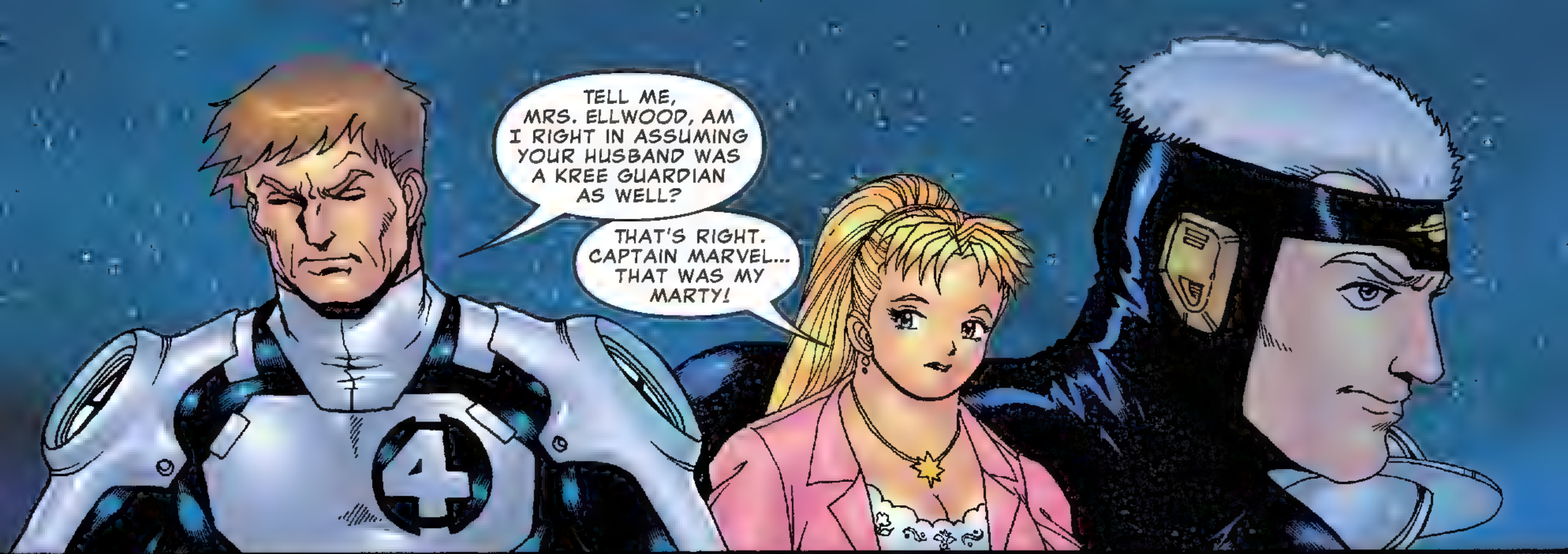
HMM...

I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO ABDUCT AN INNOCENT CHILD AND...

MRS. ELLWOOD! IF YOU'D JUST CALM DOWN FOR ONE MOMENT. FOR ONCE, NONE OF THIS WAS MY IDEA.

UH-OH! NOW I REMEMBER... REED BETTER BE CAREFUL! THAT'S MS. MARVEL, FEMALE WORLD WRESTLING CHAMPION BACK IN '89...





TELL ME, MRS. ELLWOOD, AM I RIGHT IN ASSUMING YOUR HUSBAND WAS A KREE GUARDIAN AS WELL?

THAT'S RIGHT. CAPTAIN MARVEL... THAT WAS MY MARTY!



THEN, AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, MARVIN HAS ELEMENTS OF KREE DNA IN HIS BODY.

YOUR HUSBAND ISN'T HERE, AND ONLY SOMEONE WITH THAT INHERITED GENETIC MAKE-UP CAN WITHSTAND GALACTUS'S ALIEN ATMOSPHERE.



MRS. ELWOOD, I'M REED RICHARDS. DO YOU THINK I LIKE GAMBLING THE SAFETY AND FUTURE OF THE WORLD ON A THIRTEEN YEAR OLD BOY?

I DON'T. BUT PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO?

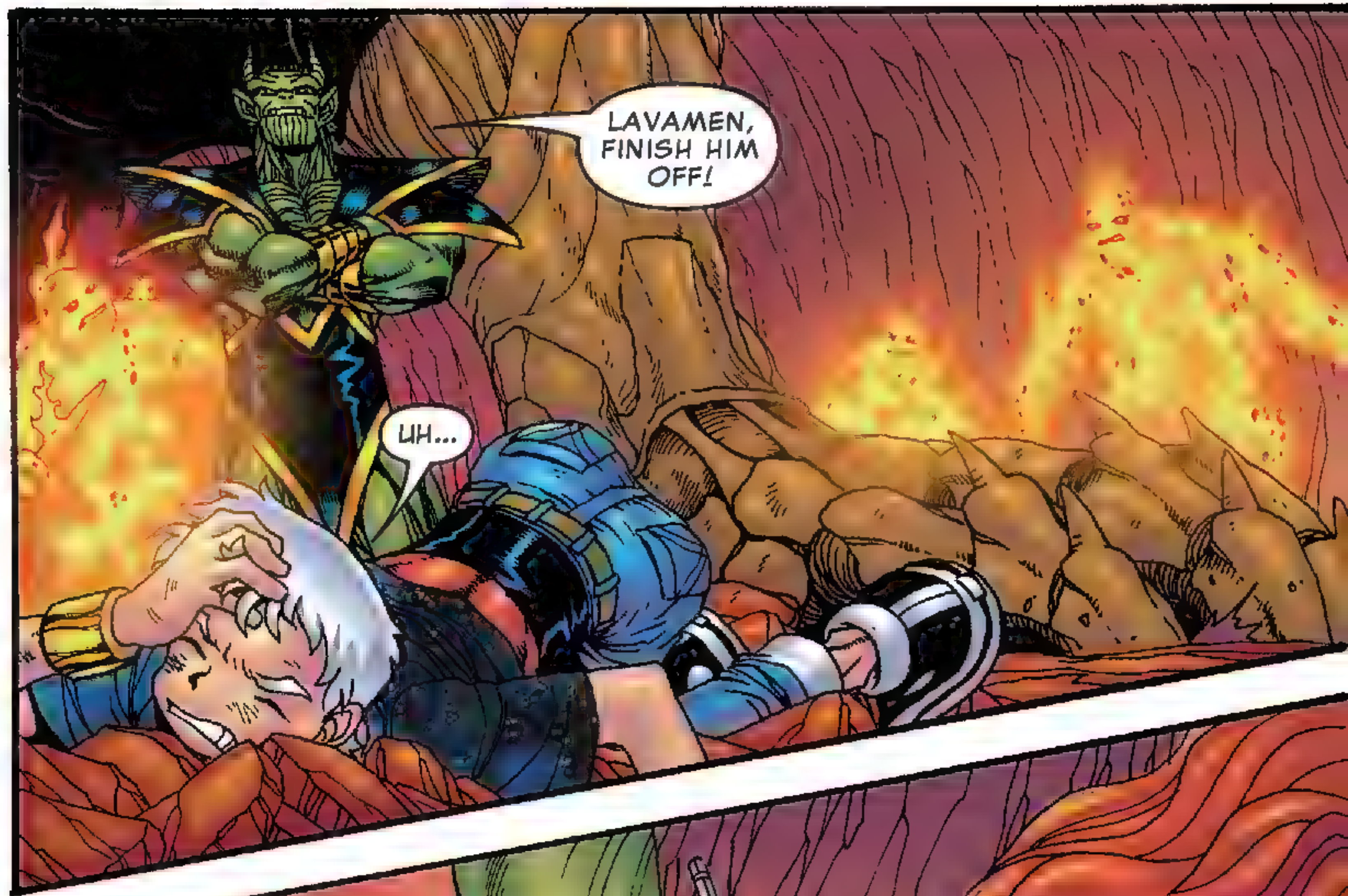


MARV'S GOT A LOT OF CHARACTER, MRS. ELWOOD, THAT MUCH I DO KNOW. IF HE FAILS THEN WE HAVE NO OTHER WAY OF COMBATING THIS MENACE, AND WE'LL ALL BE DEAD ANYWAY.



"BUT HE'S UP THERE, FIGHTING FOR US, TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD. HE'S YOUR SON, AND YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT HE'S ATTEMPTING TO DO."

YIKES!







INCOMPETENT FOOLS!



LOOK! THERE'S THE TUNNEL! AND NOW THERE'S A WHOLE NEW SWARM OF THE SYMBIOTES!

DON'T THEY EVER TAKE A BREAK?



Our defenses have been breached! The Inhumans and the Kree Guardian are closing in.

I CAN SEE THAT, YOU FOOL!

THEY SHALL FAIL, JUST AS A THOUSAND OTHER WORLDS HAVE FAILED. GALACTUS WILL PURGE THE UNIVERSE OF THE KREE INFLUENCE!



But we defended the surface with all our might and it proved futile.

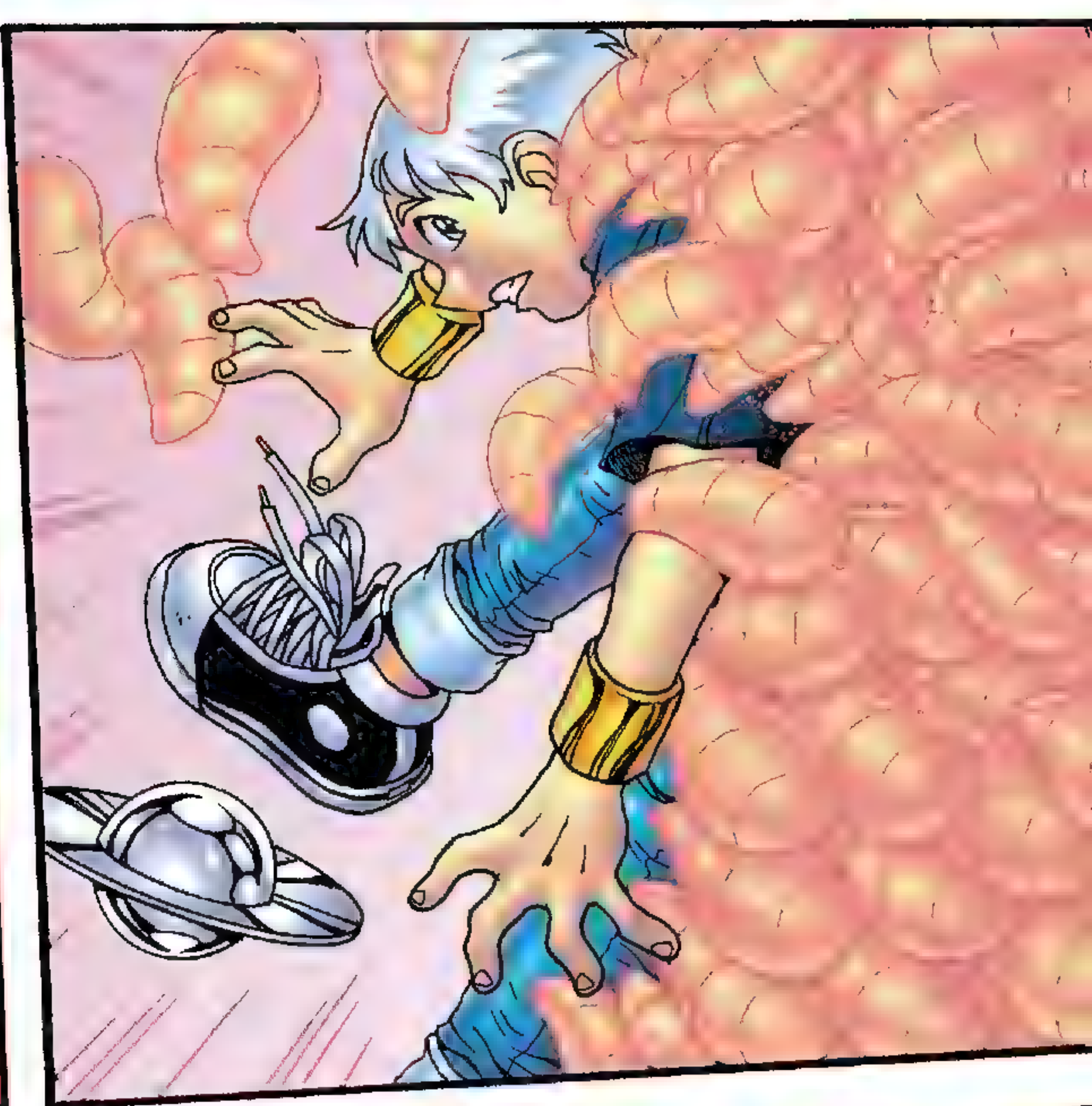
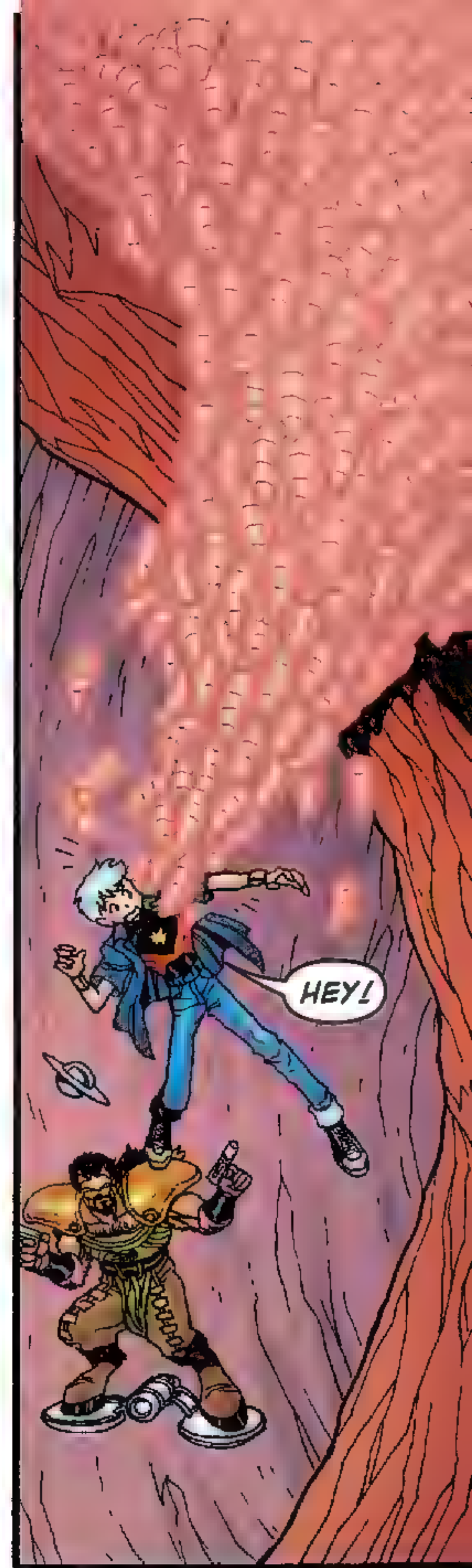
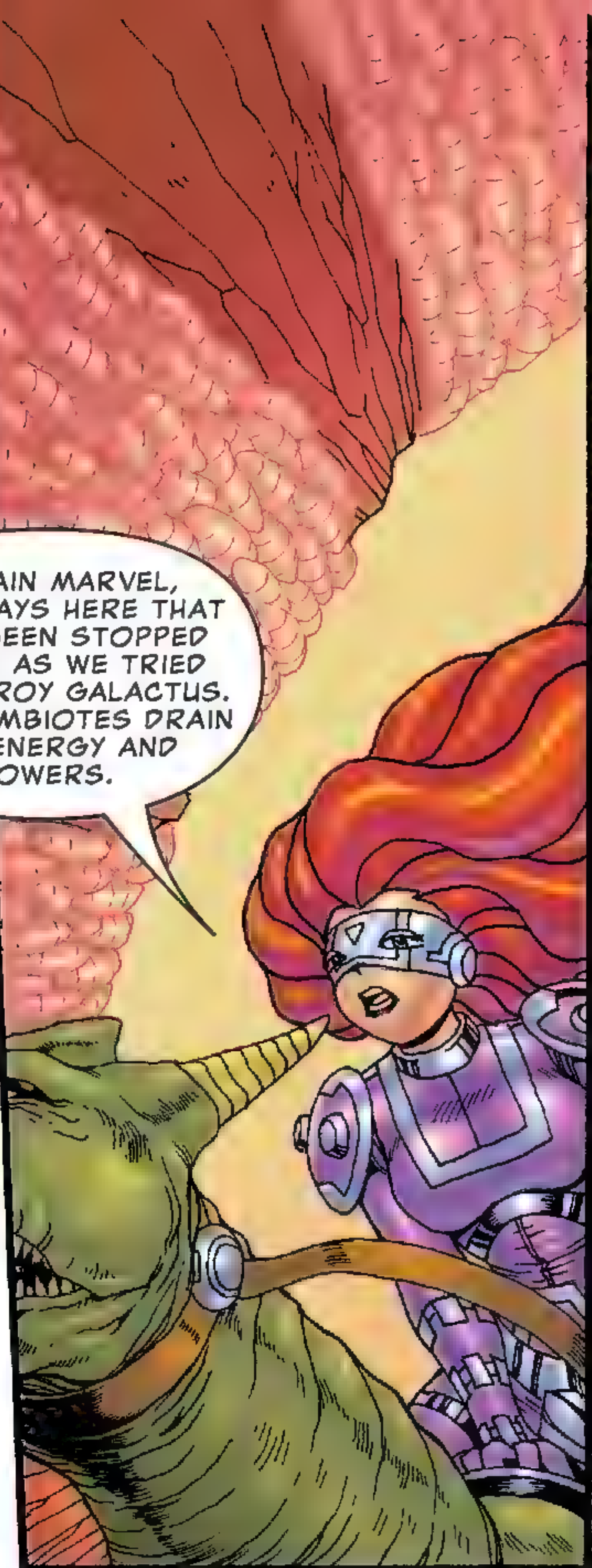
You and the Inhumans can exist without Galactus-- perhaps we should take control of our lifegiver!

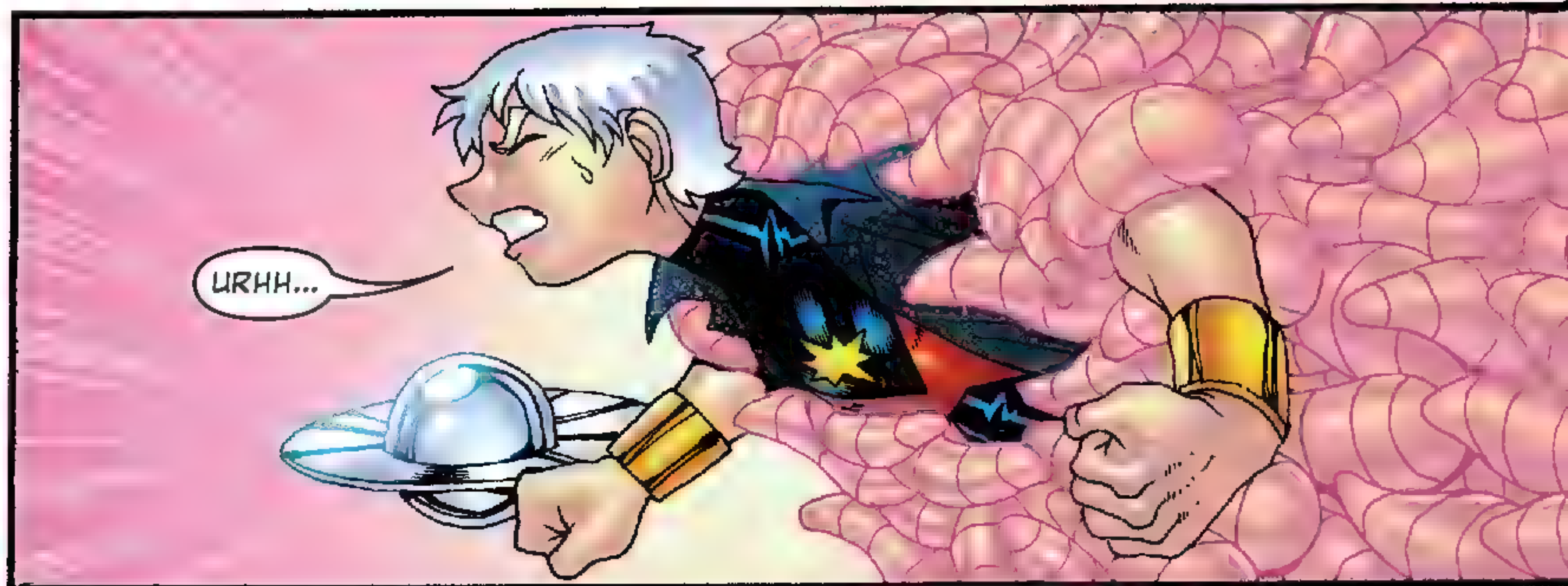


THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF MY POWER. THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU DARE TO CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY OF KREEGA!



CAPTAIN MARVEL,
IT'S ALWAYS HERE THAT
WE'VE BEEN STOPPED
BEFORE AS WE TRIED
TO DESTROY GALACTUS.
THESE SYMBIOTES DRAIN
OUR ENERGY AND
POWERS.



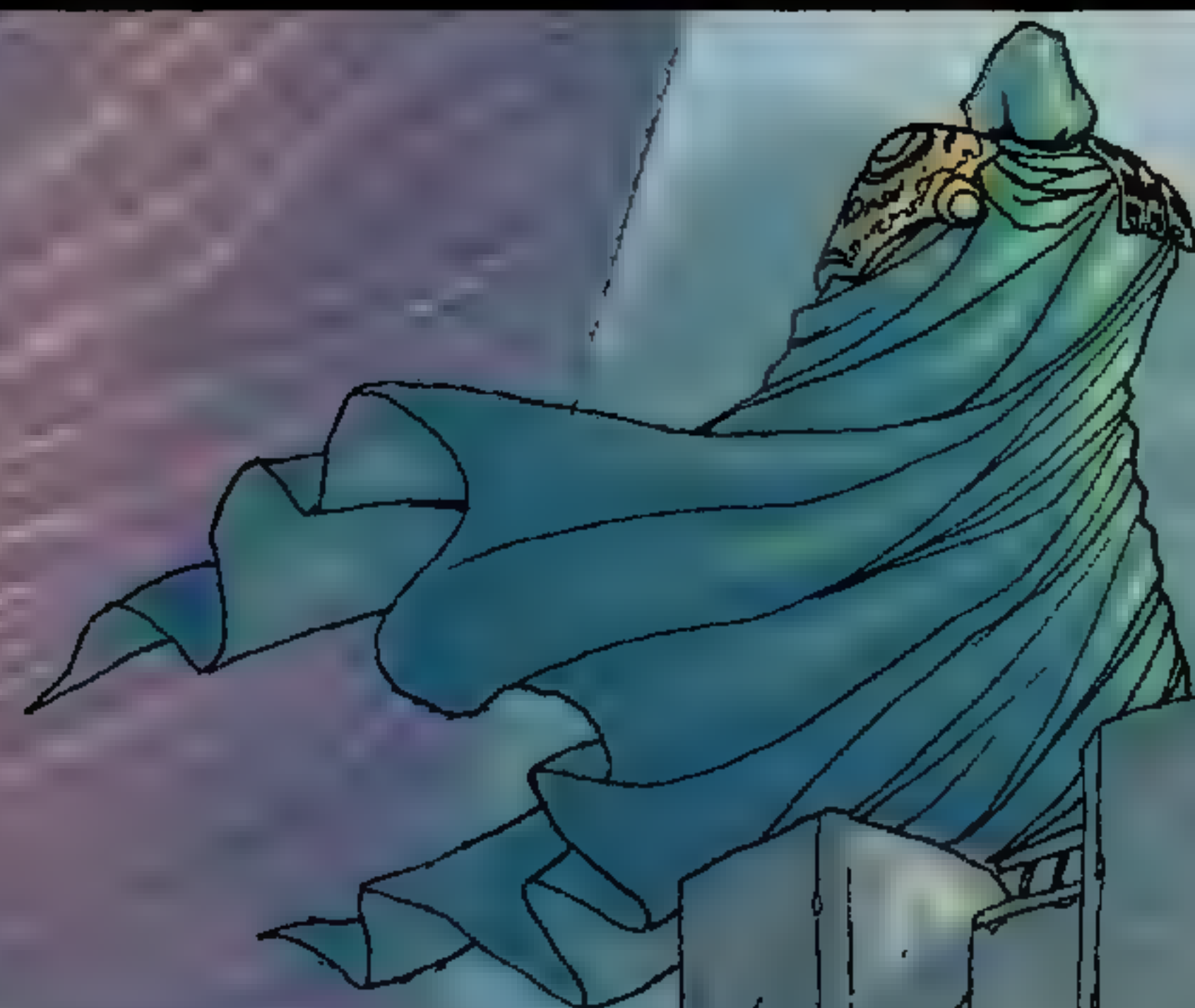




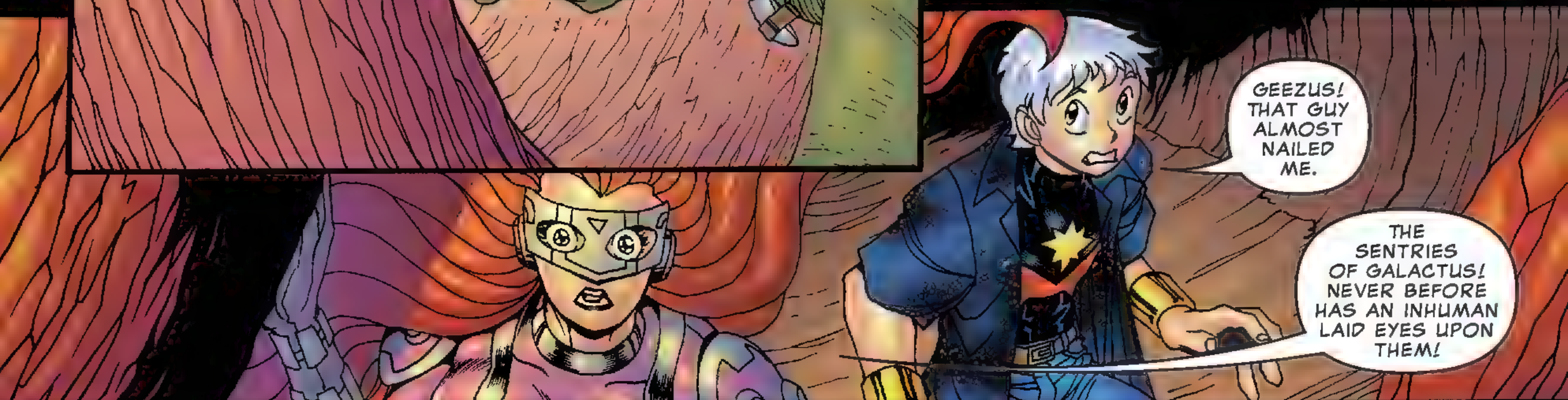


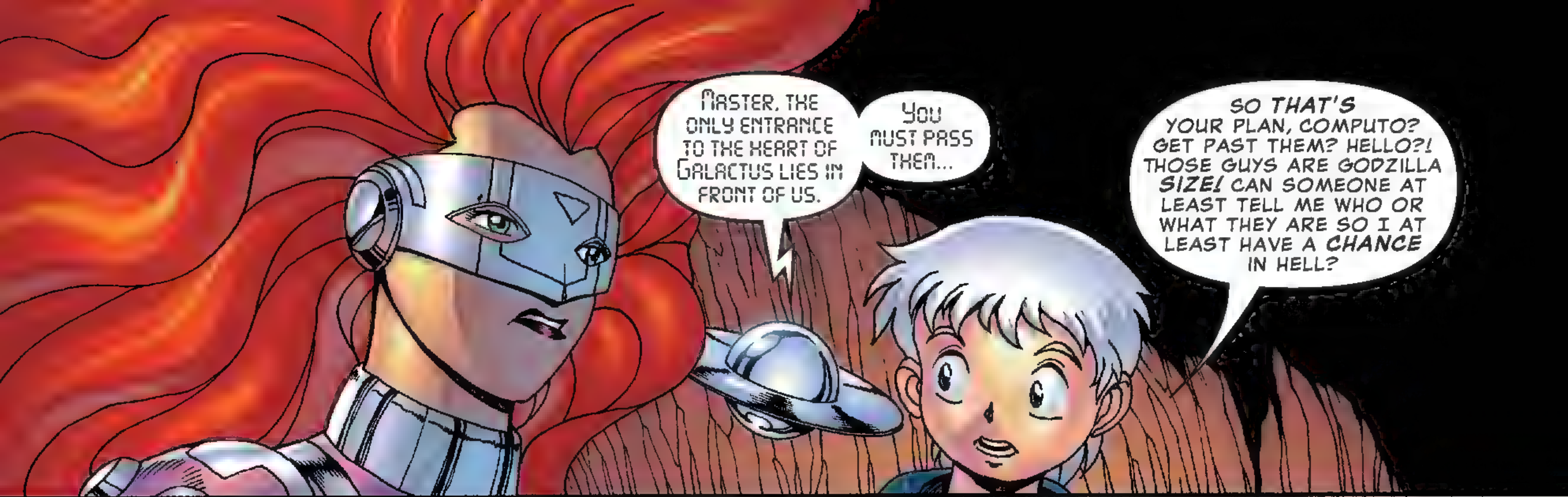
NEW
TENTACLES ARE
MANIFESTING
THEMSELVES AS
GALACTUS
ABSORBS MORE
ENERGY.

"WE'RE NOW GETTING PICTURES
THROUGH FROM EASTERN EUROPE.
THEY'RE DECIMATING THE FEUDAL
KINGDOM OF LATVERIA."



SOMEONE,
SOMEWHERE,
SHALL PAY FOR
THIS...





MASTER, THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE HEART OF GALACTUS LIES IN FRONT OF US.

YOU MUST PASS THEM...

SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN, COMPUTO? GET PAST THEM? HELLO?! THOSE GUYS ARE GODZILLA SIZE! CAN SOMEONE AT LEAST TELL ME WHO OR WHAT THEY ARE SO I AT LEAST HAVE A CHANCE IN HELL?

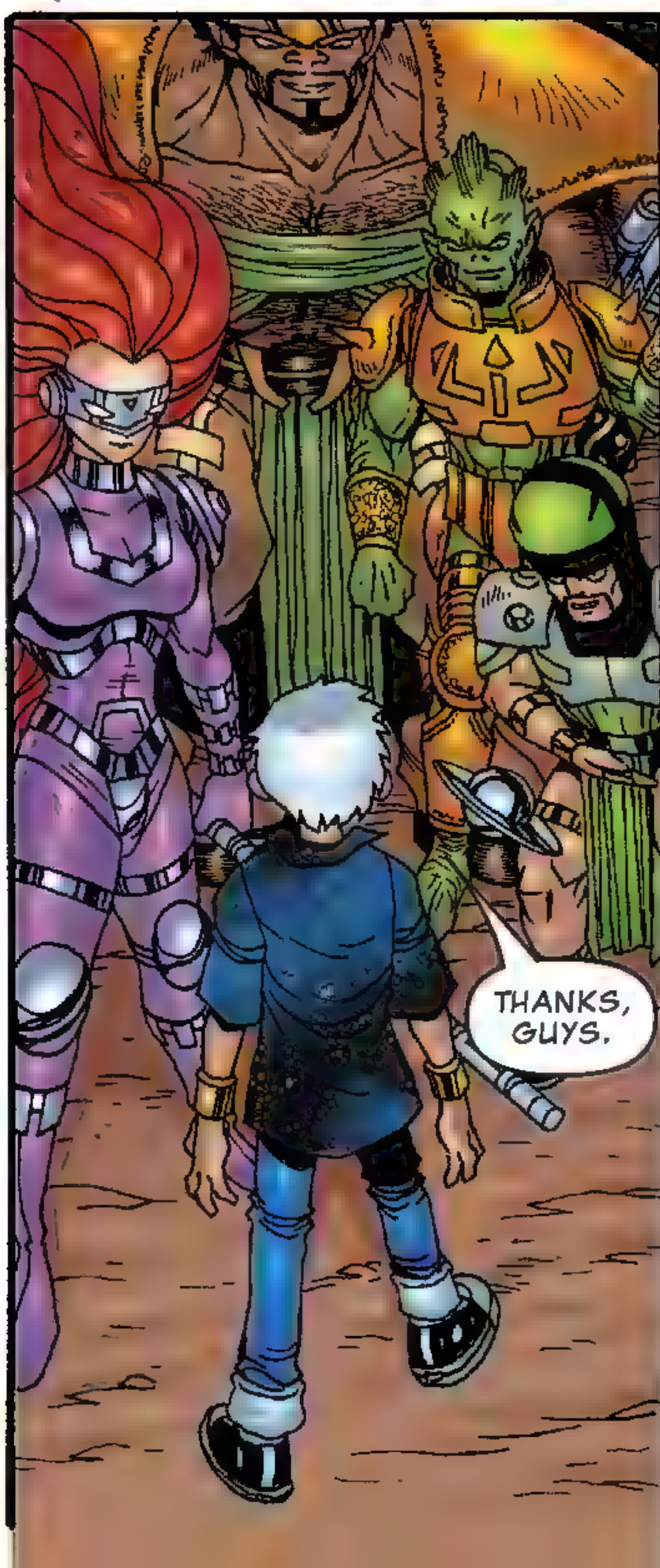
"LEGENDS SAY THEY WERE THE OLD SKRULL GODS. FED BY THE ENERGIES DRAINED BY GALACTUS, THEY HAVE SWORN THEMSELVES TO ITS ETERNAL DEFENSE."



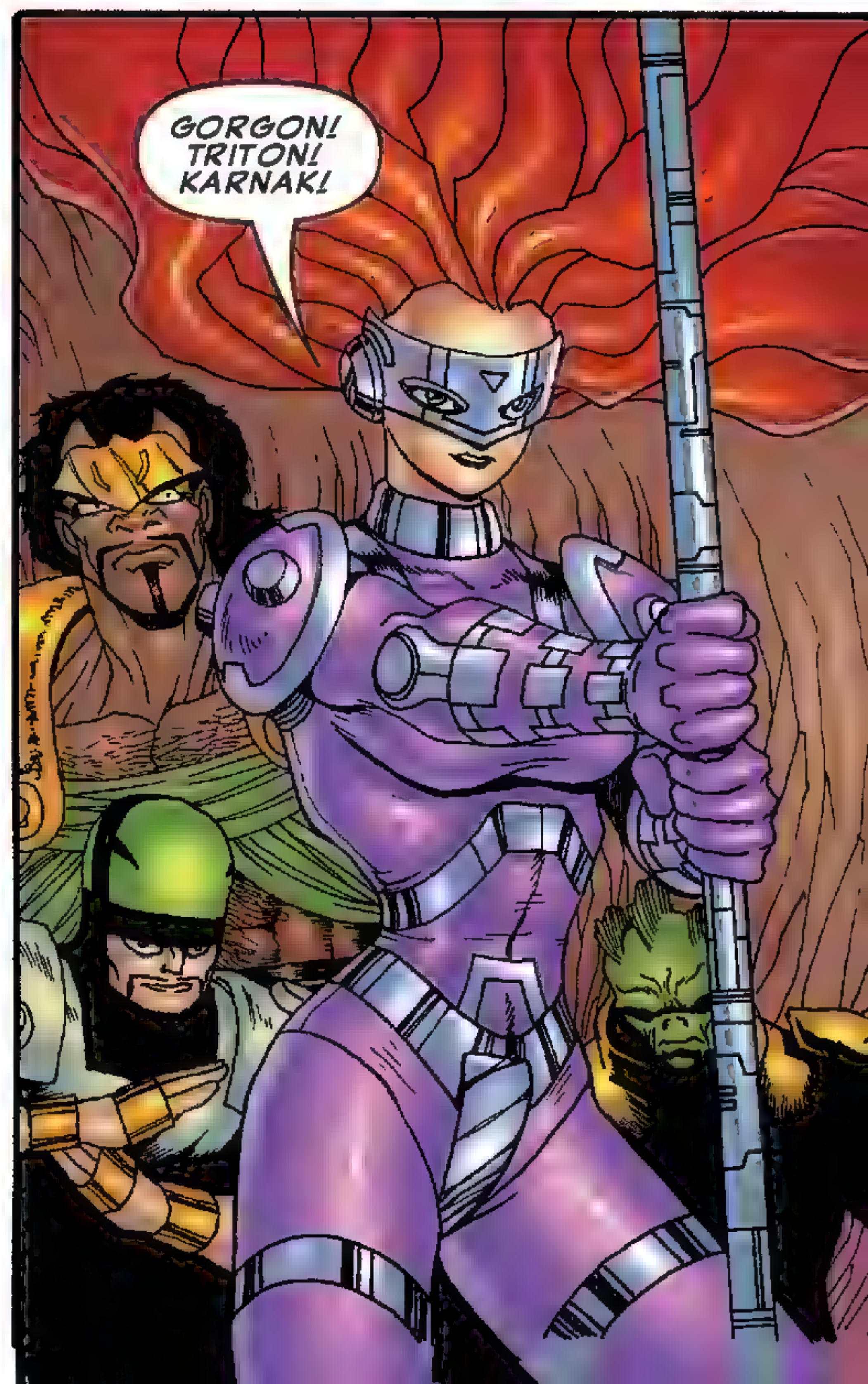
MEDUSA, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO IT. THEY'RE TOO POWERFUL! AND WHO AM I TO BE FOOLED INTO THINKING I'M SOME KIND OF HERO ANYWAY?

YOU'RE CAPTAIN MARVEL.

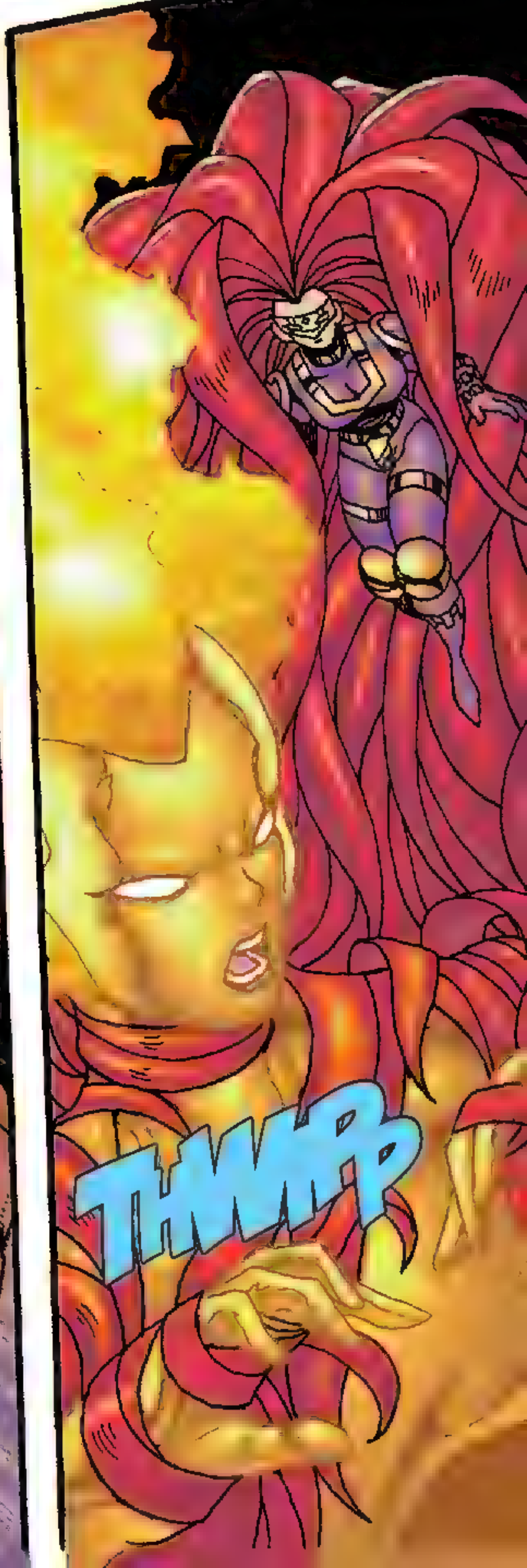
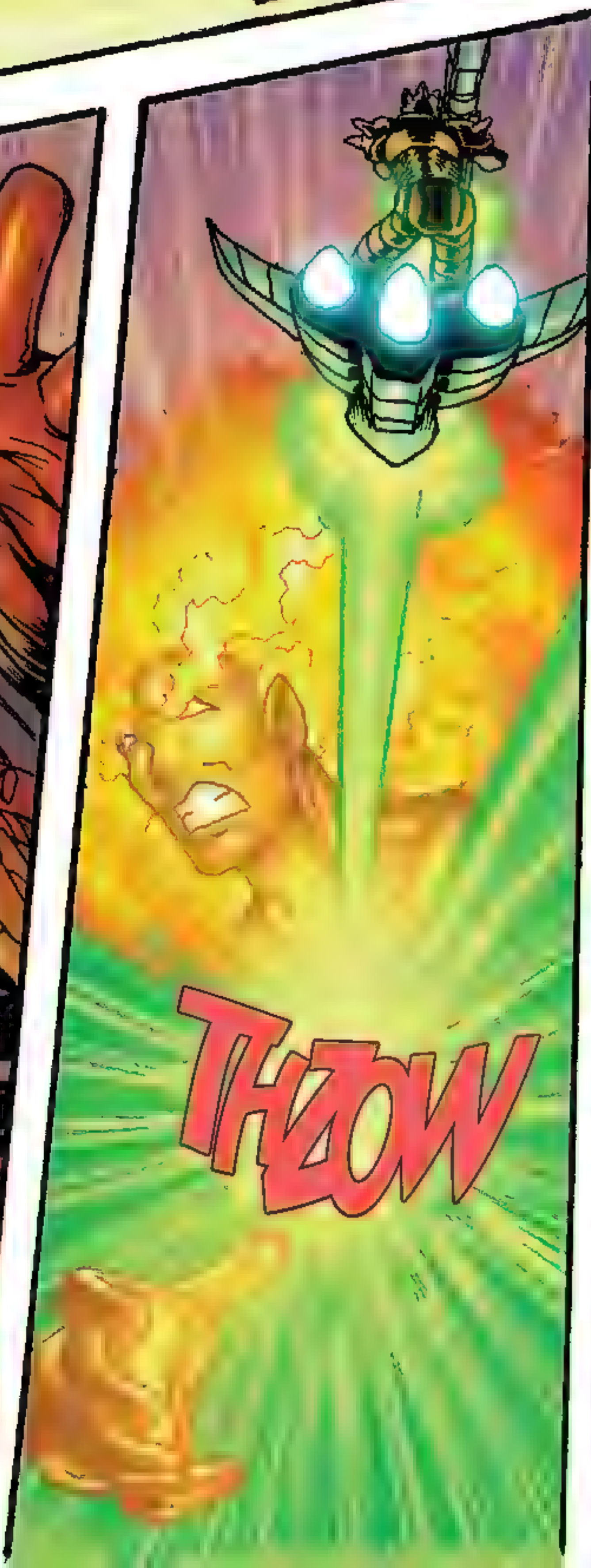
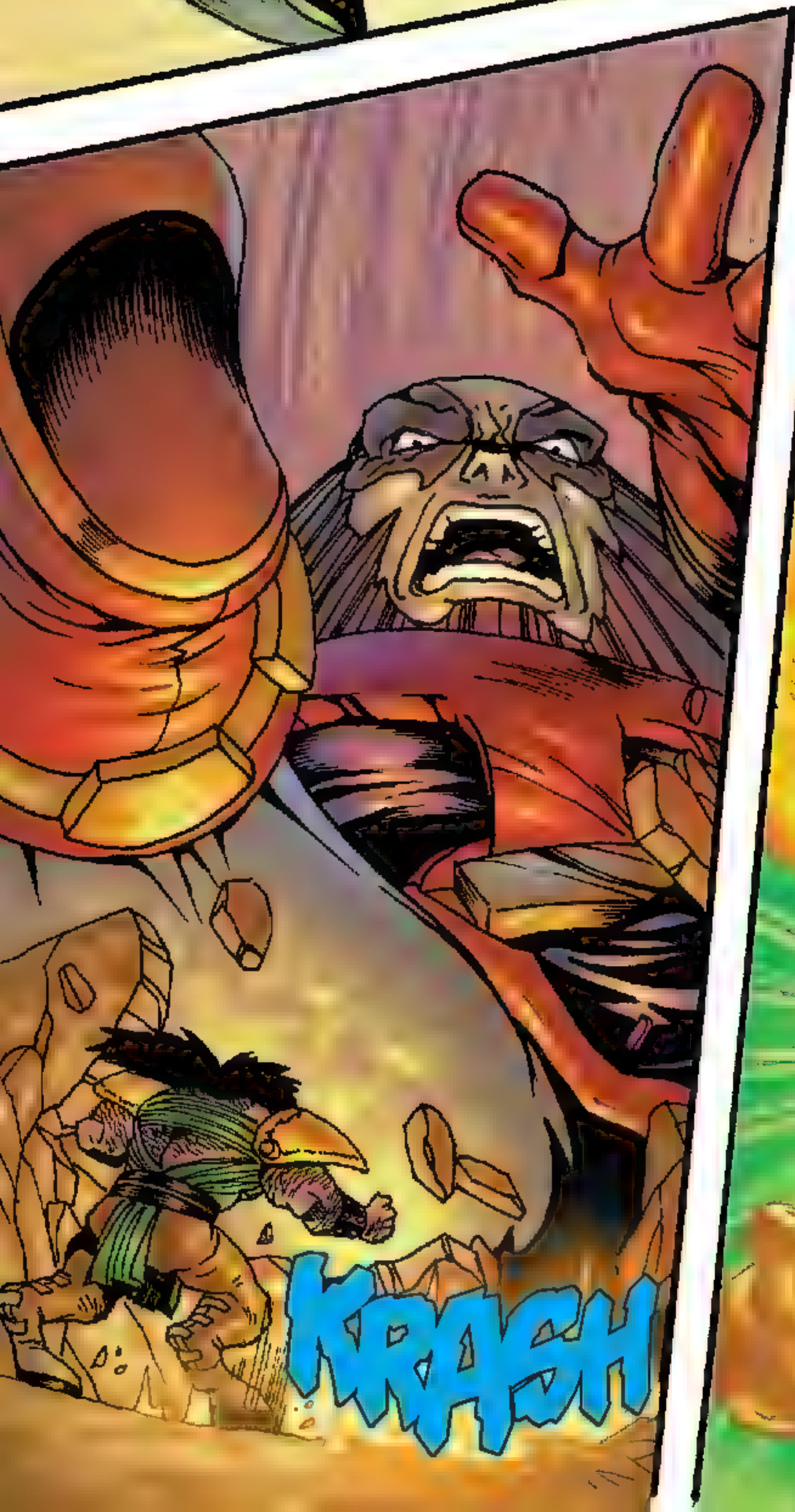
AND WE WILL HELP YOU.



THANKS, GUYS.



GORGON! TRITON! KARNAKI!



COMPUTO,
YOU BETTER
SHOW ME HOW
TO GET BY
THEM...

VERY
WELL, MASTER.
FOLLOW ME.



UP...

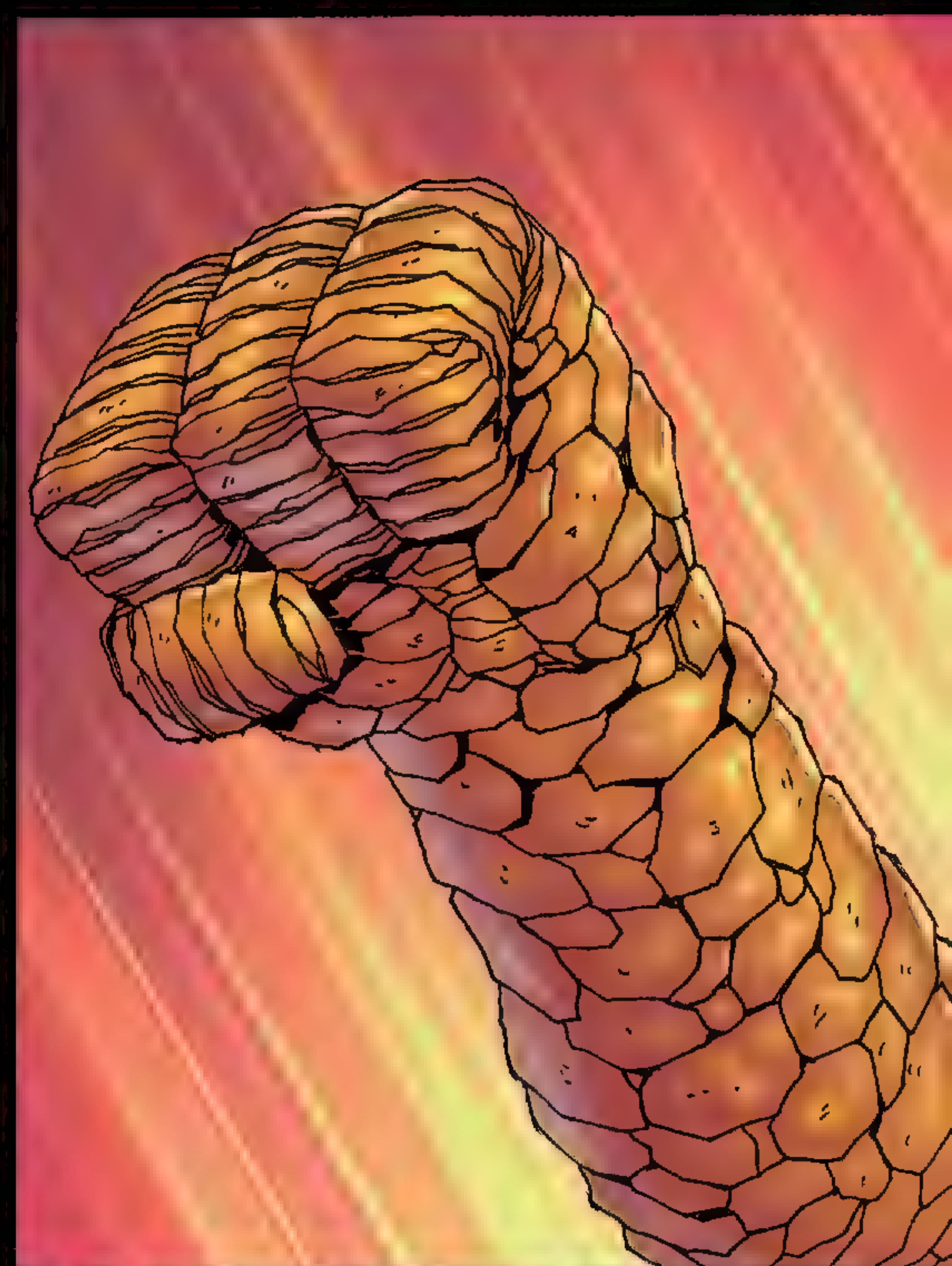
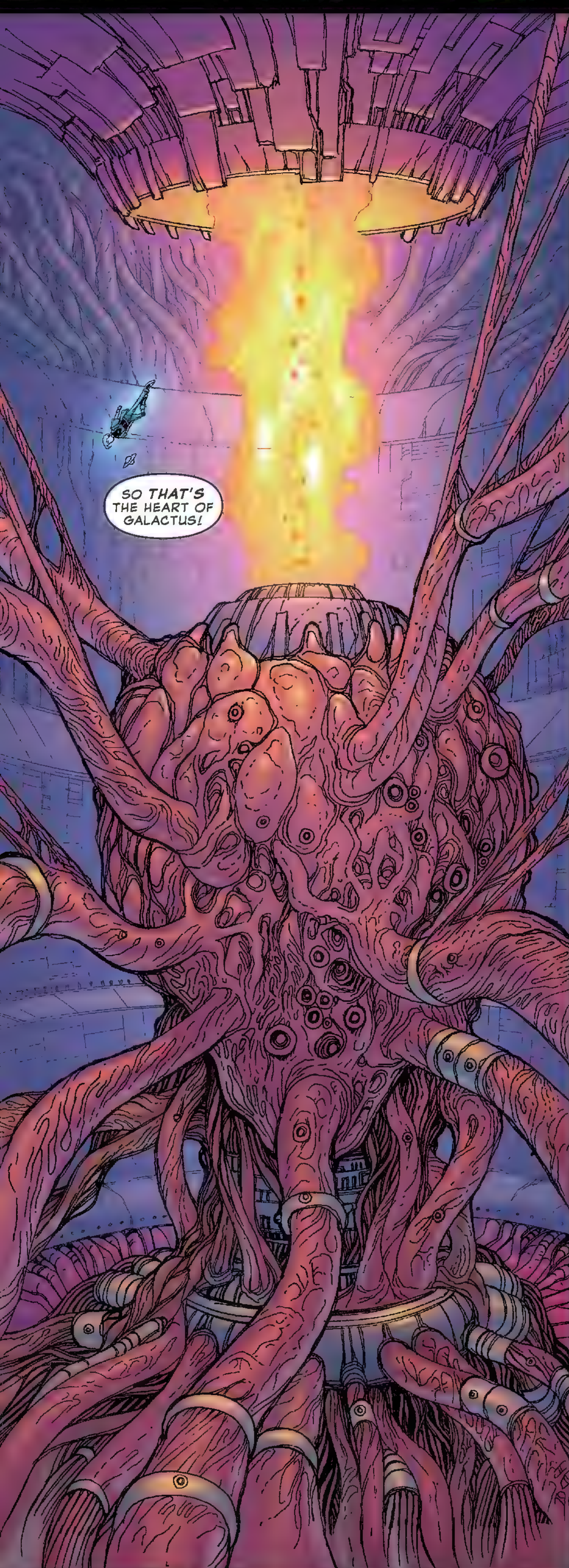
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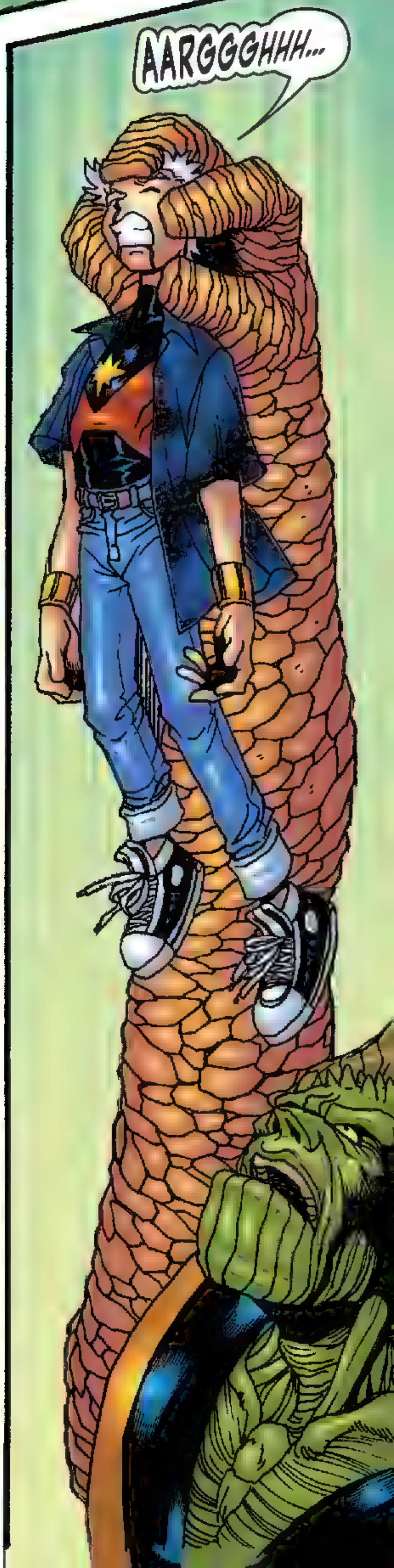
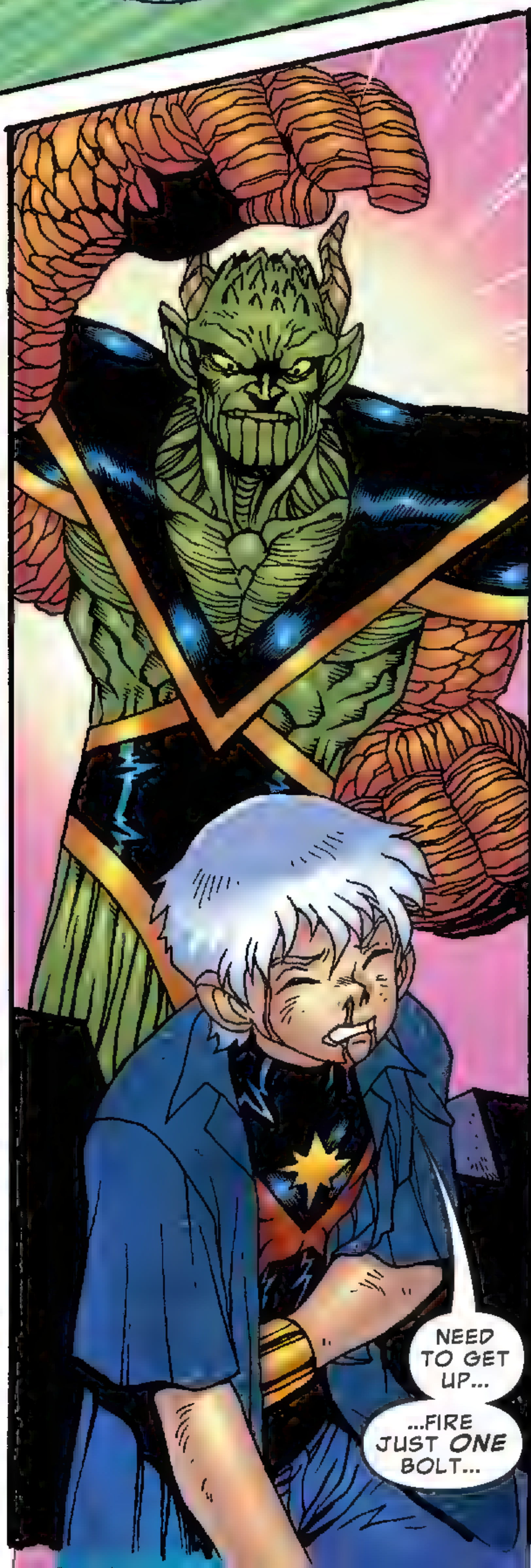
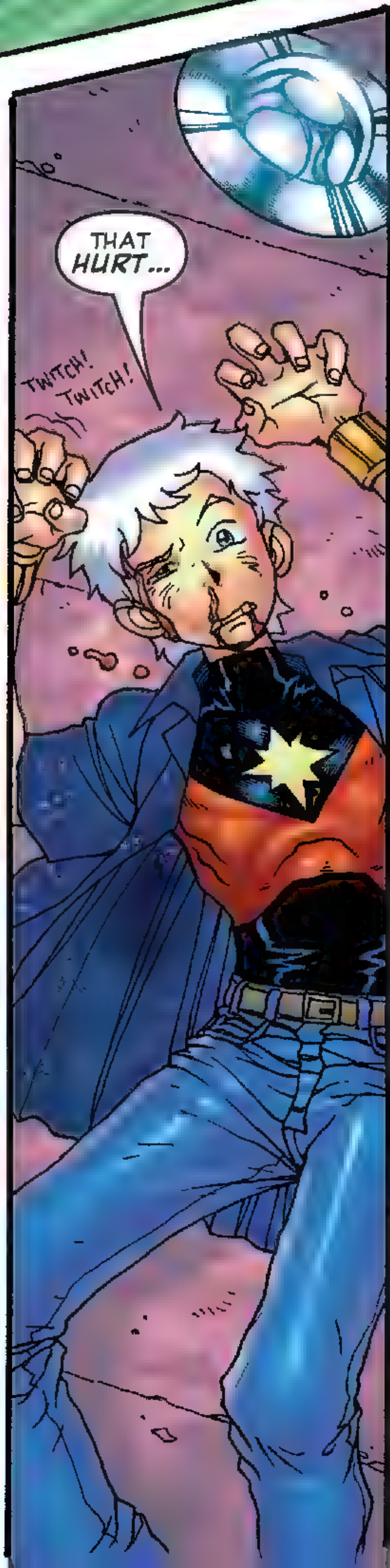
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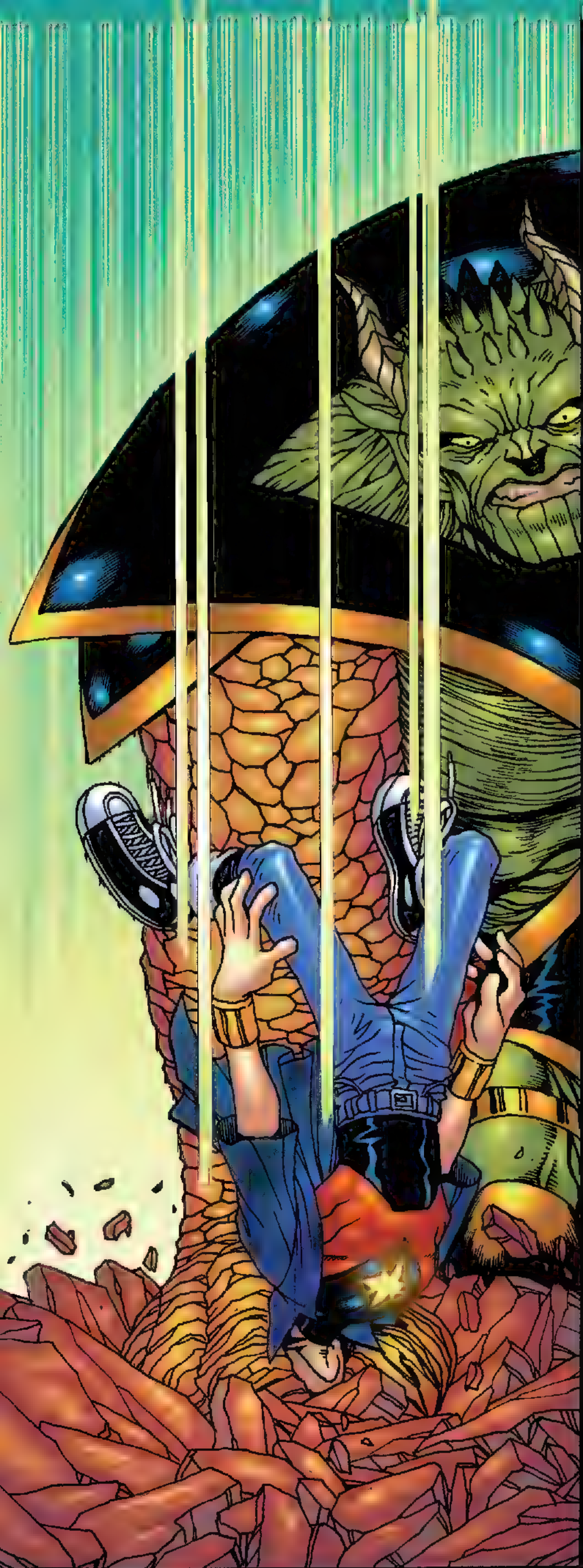
...AND AWAY!

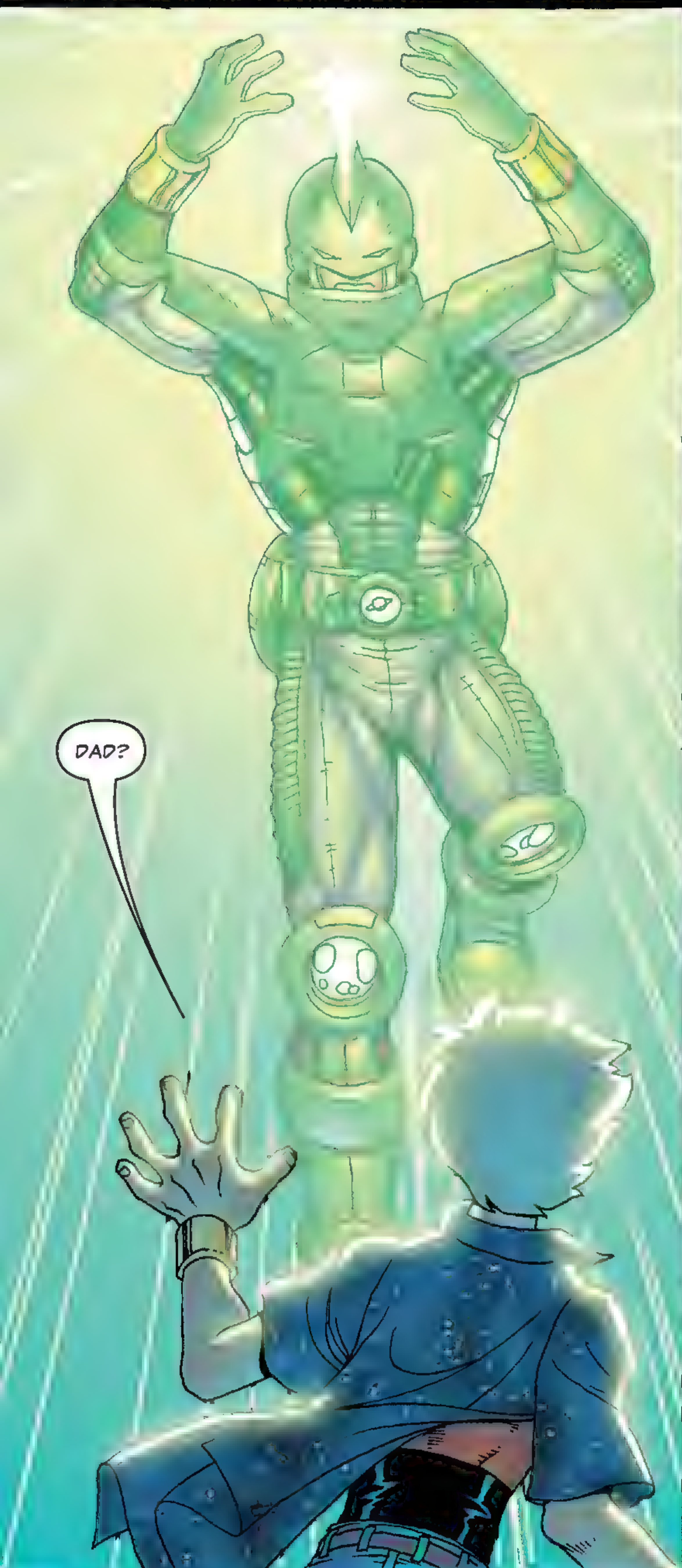
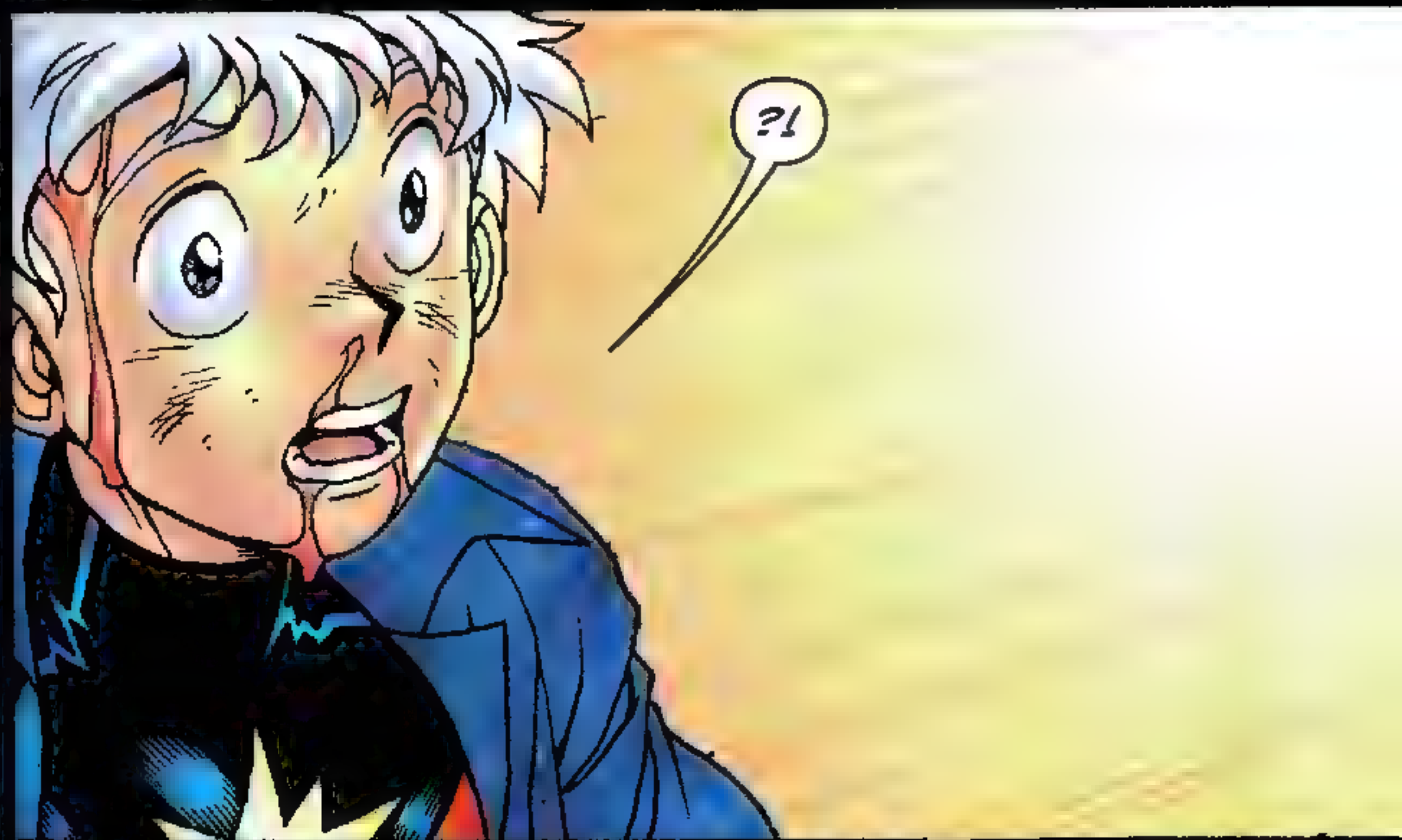
THANKS,
COMPUTO.
THAT WAS
AWESOME!

I GUESS
THIS MUST
BE IT.











ONLY A KREE
GIFTED WITH COSMIC
AWARENESS COULD
CALL UPON ITS
POWER!

YOU
SHALL NOT
LIVE TO USE
IT!

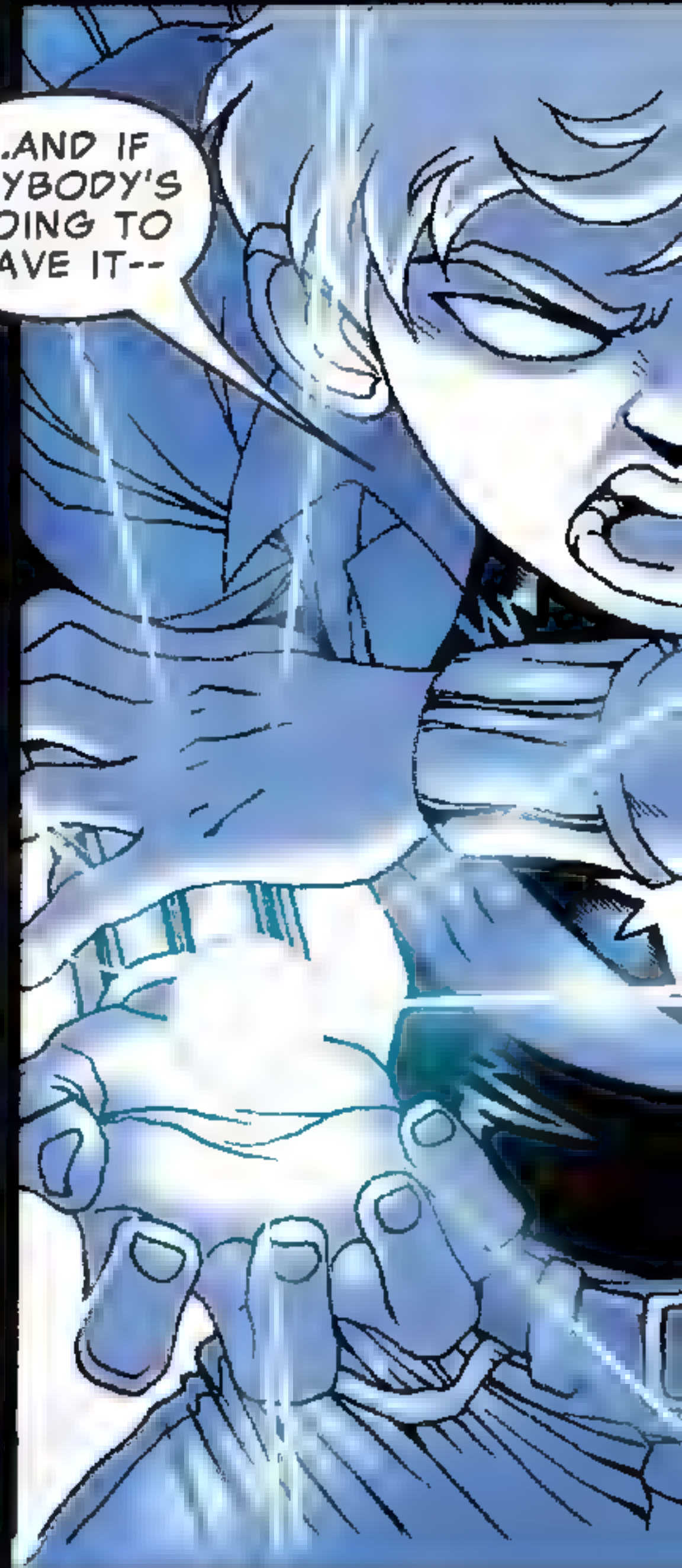
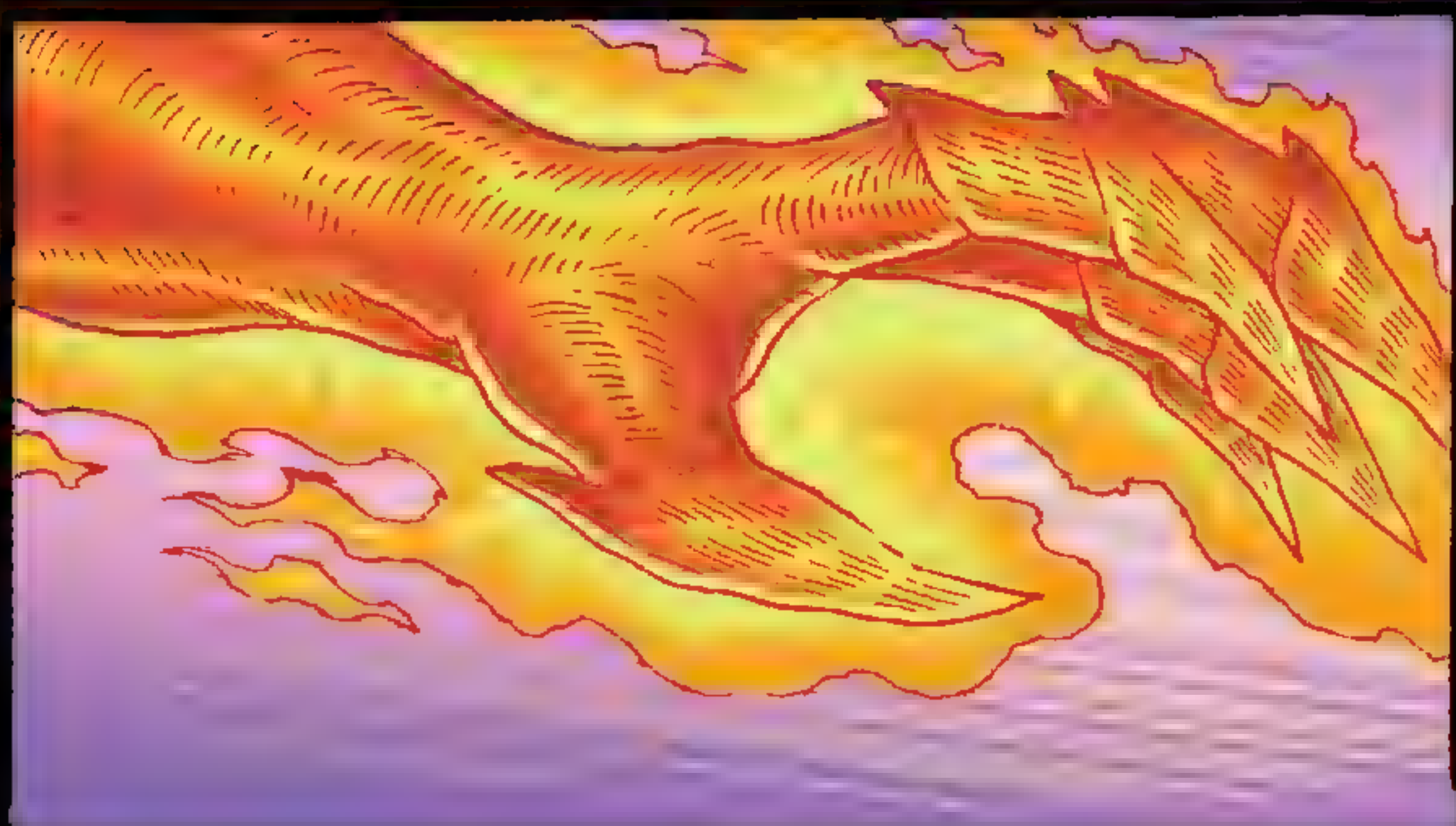
ACCEPT YOUR
FATE. YOUR STRUGGLE
IS FUTILE! SOON, YOUR
EARTH WILL BE DRAINED
OF ALL LIFE--

--AND YOUR
ONLY HOPE OF
SURVIVAL WILL BE TO
STAY ON GALACTUS'S
BODY AND BECOME
A SYMBIOTE
YOURSELF!

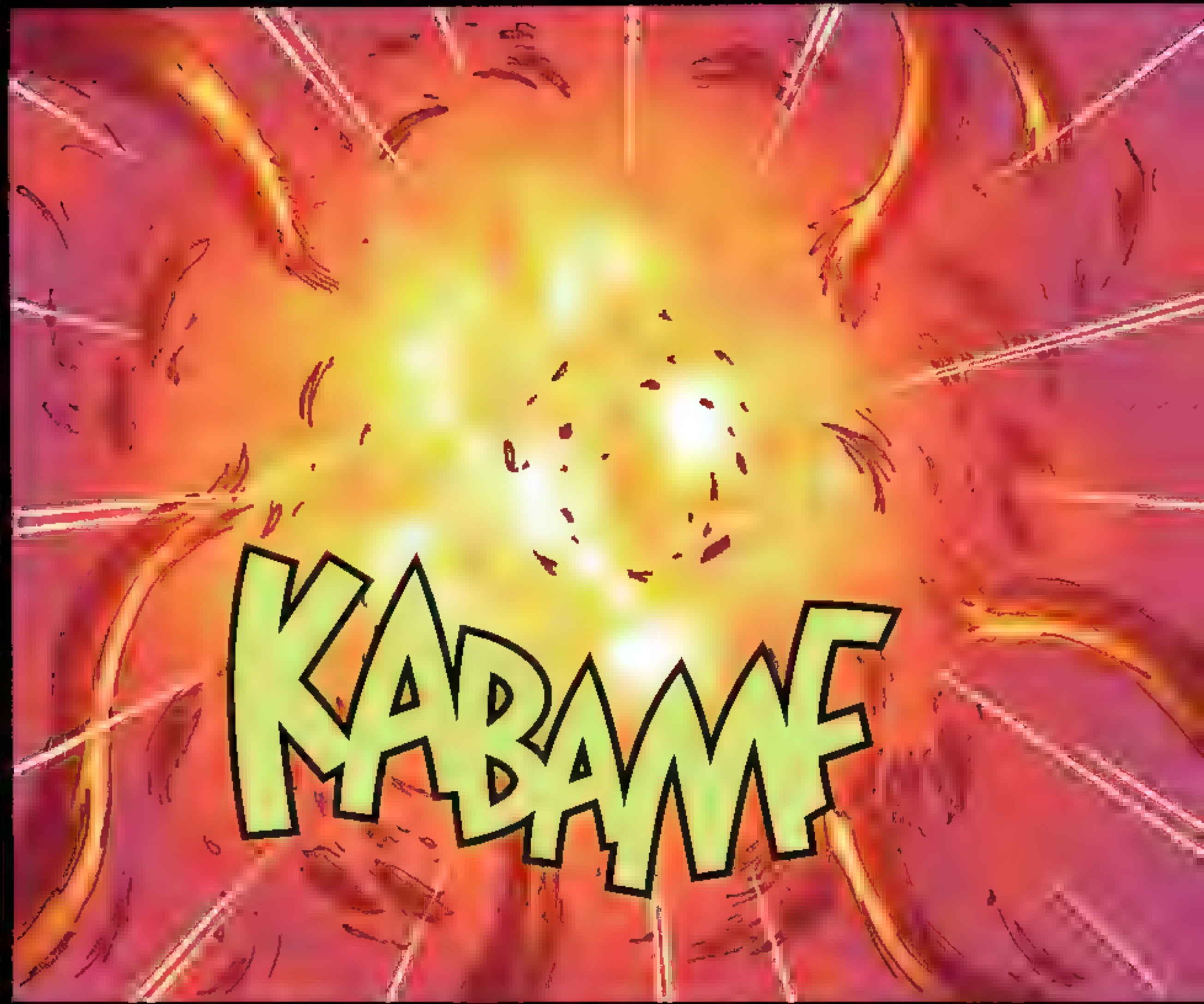
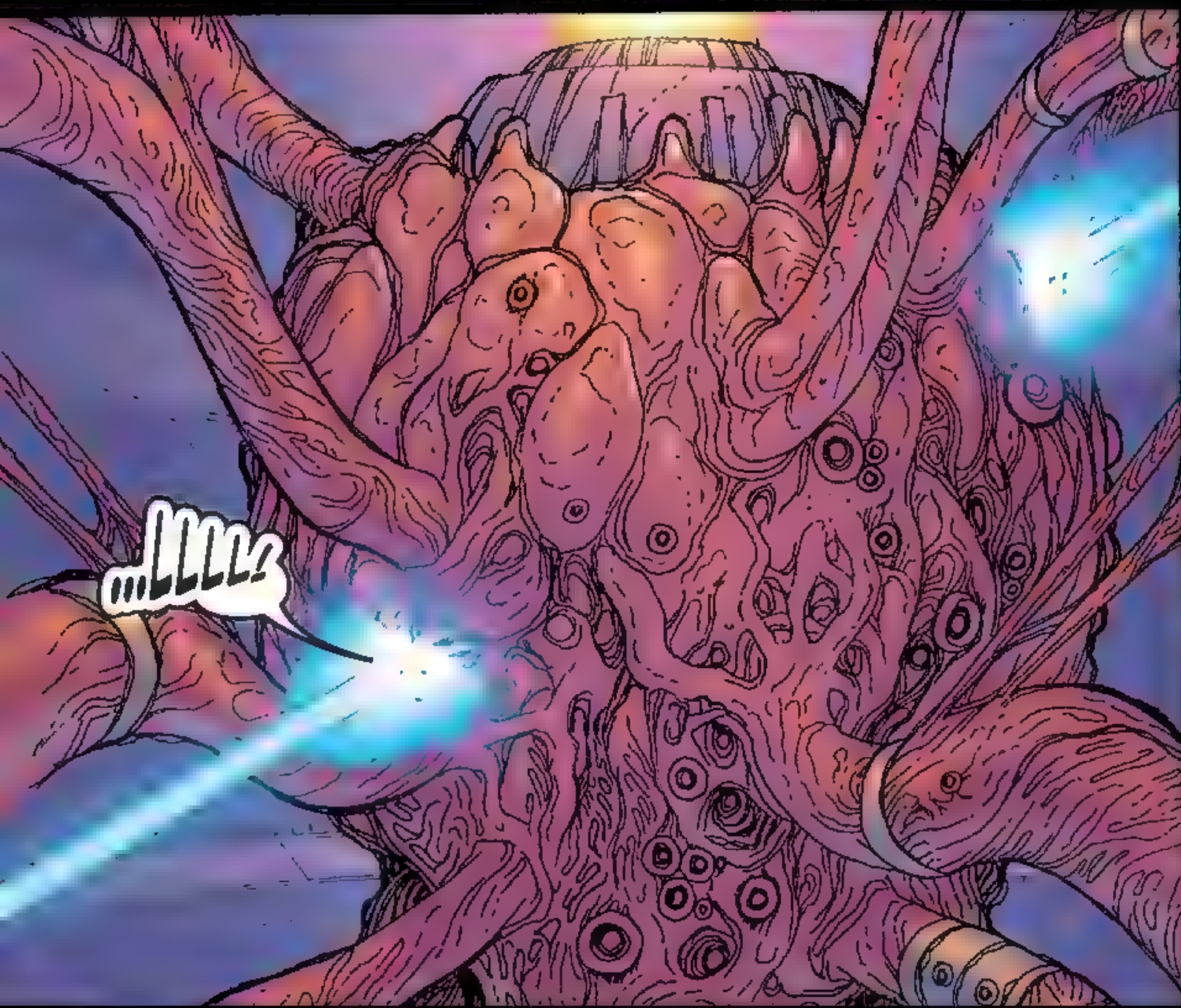
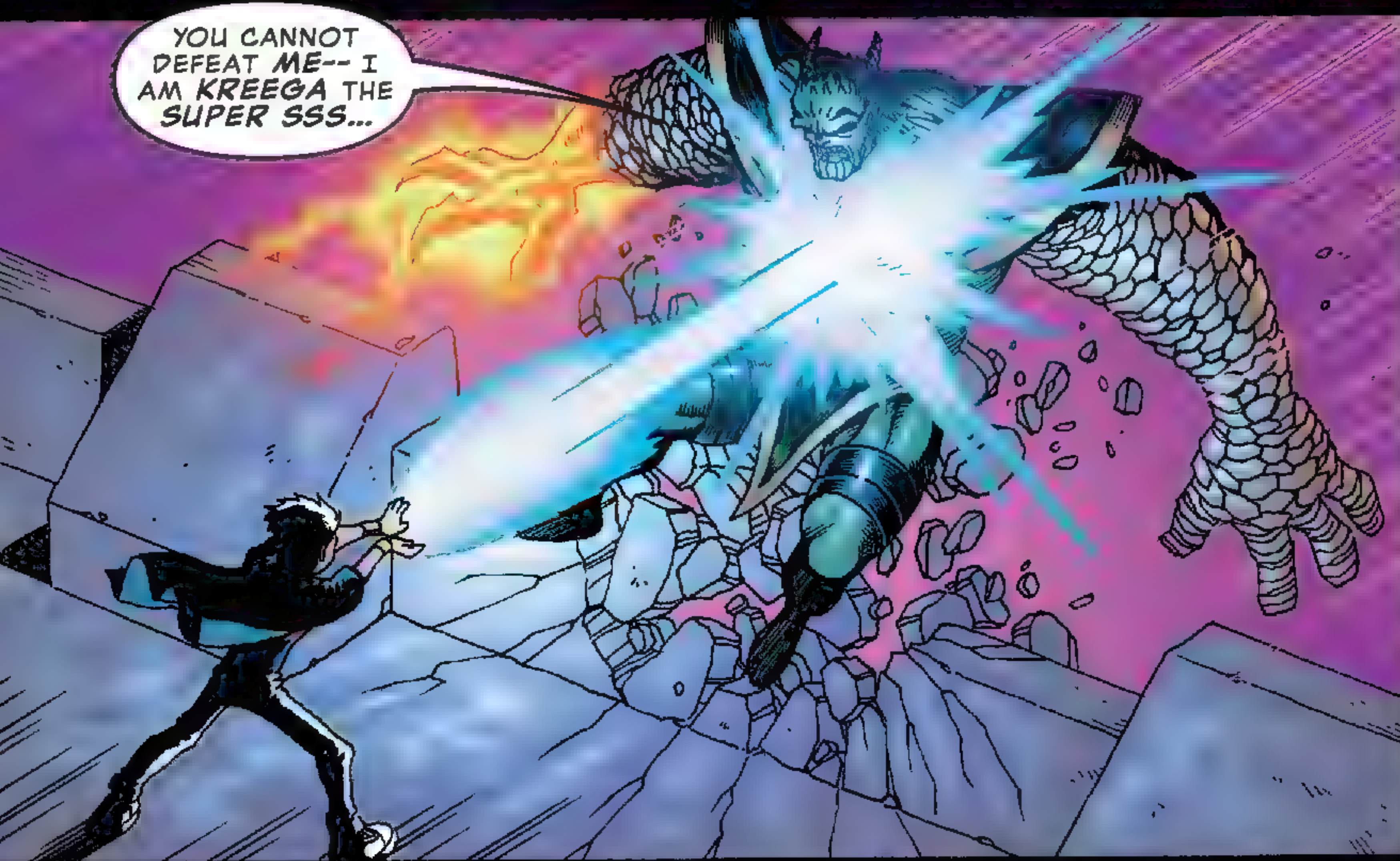


NEVER!

THIS IS
MY
WORLD...



...AND IF
ANYBODY'S
GOING TO
SAVE IT--

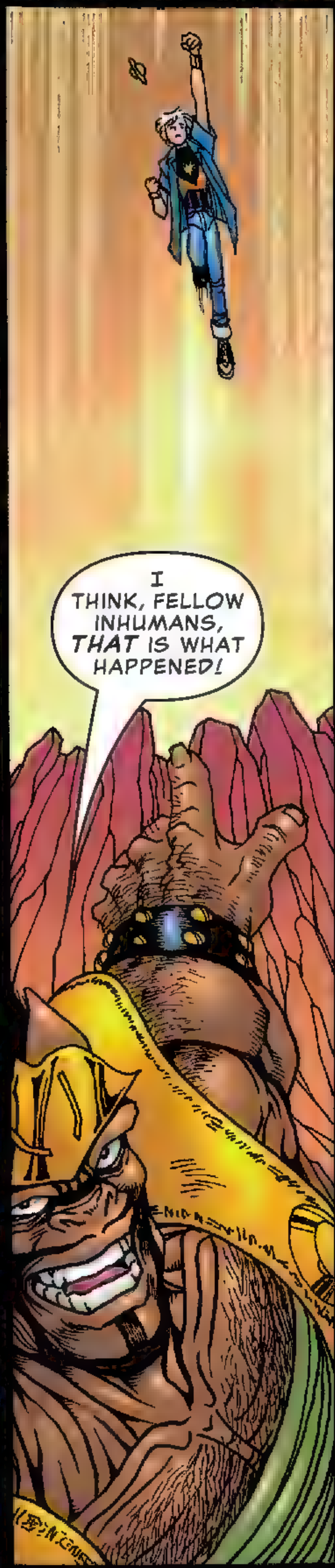


COMPUTO,
WE'D BETTER
GET OUT OF
HERE!



THE
SENTRIES!
THEY'RE
MELTING
AWAY.

WHAT'S
HAPPENED?



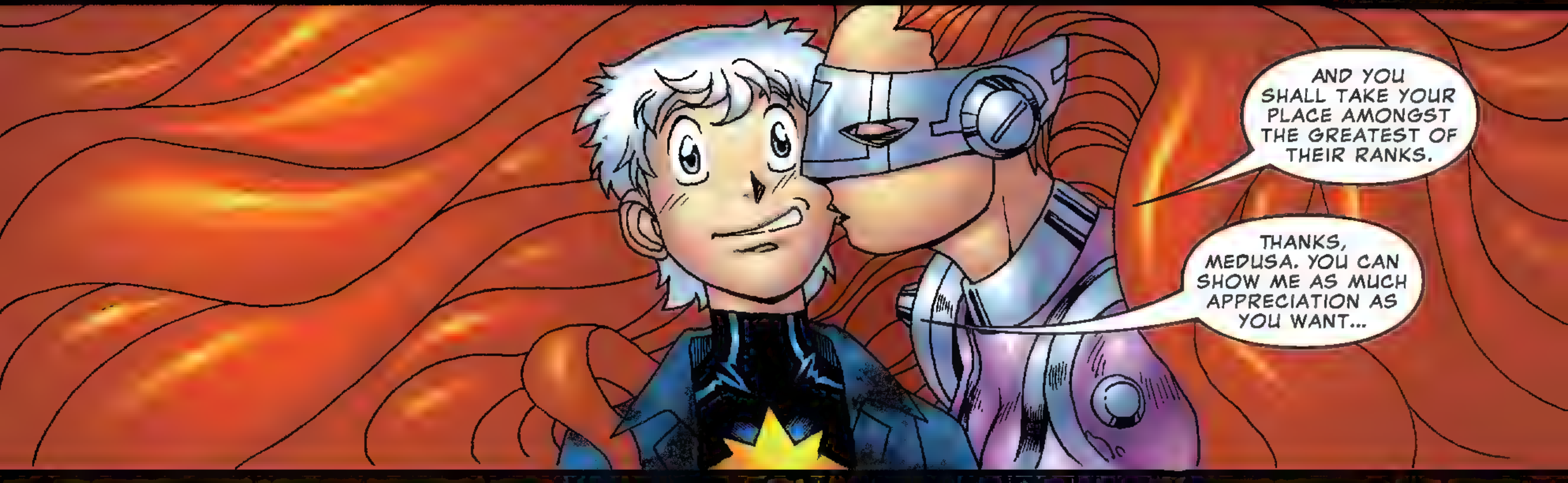
I
THINK, FELLOW
INHUMANS,
THAT IS WHAT
HAPPENED!



CAPTAIN MARVEL,
YOU HAVE SHOWN
GREAT STRENGTH
AND COURAGE.

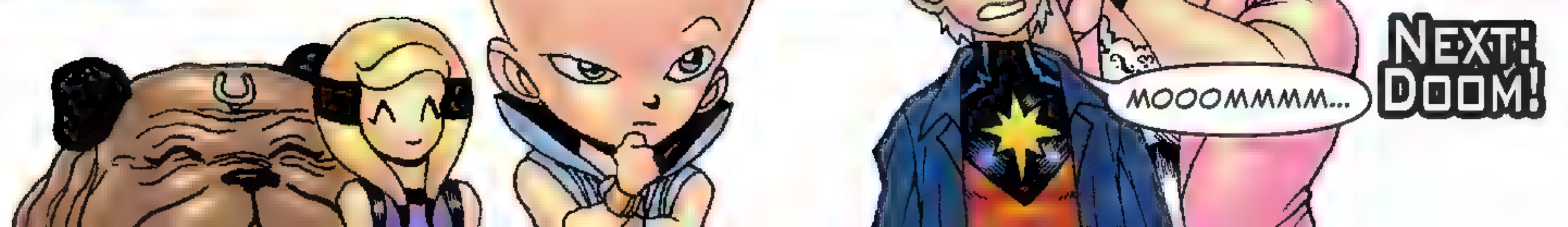
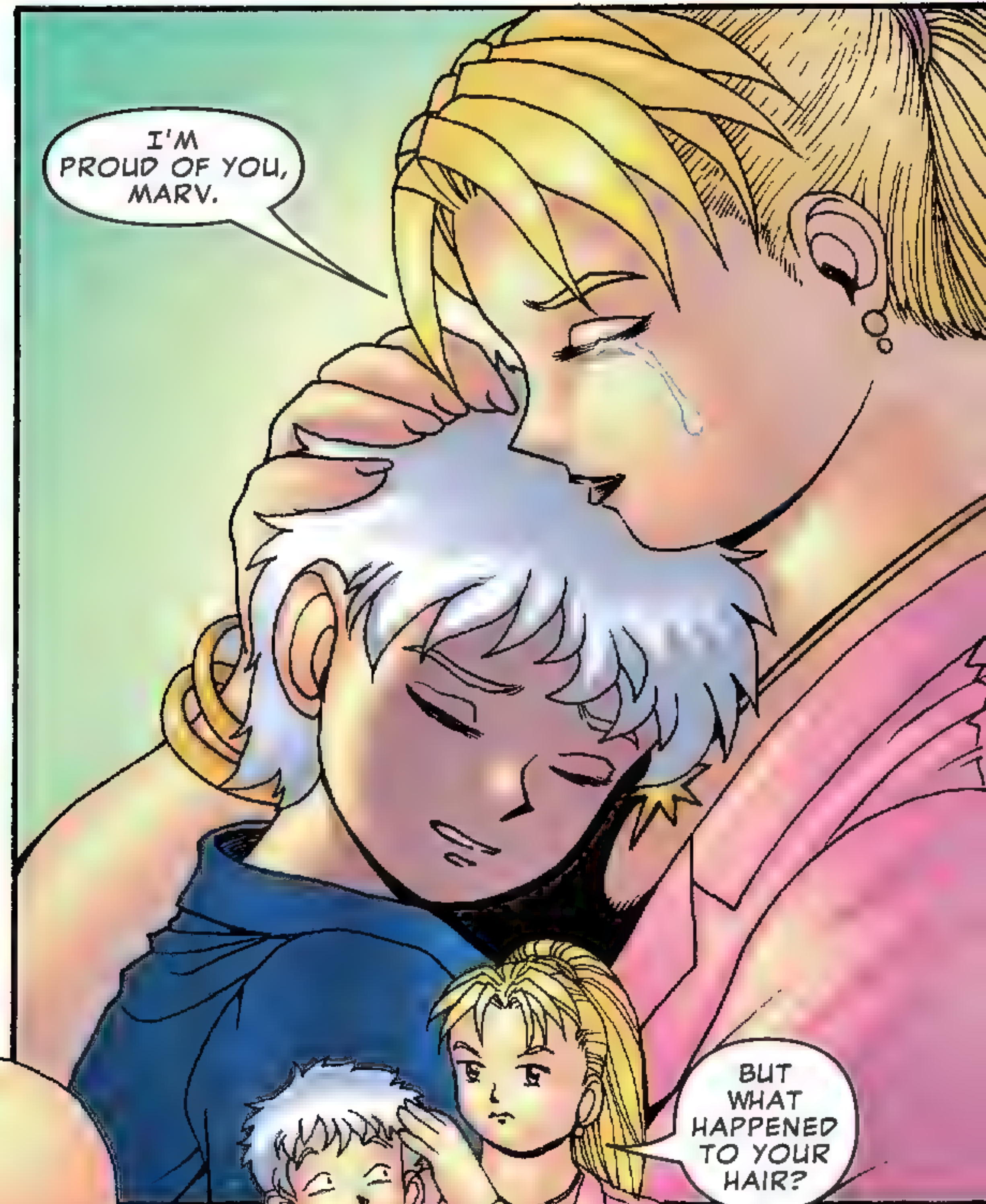
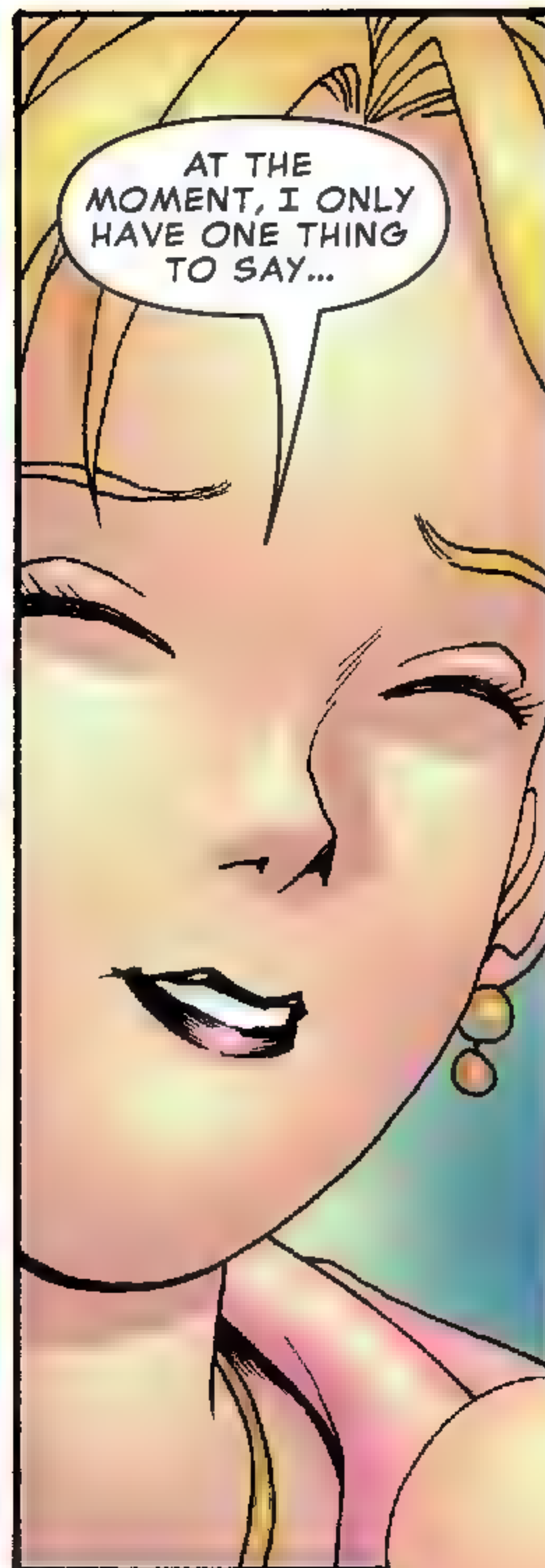
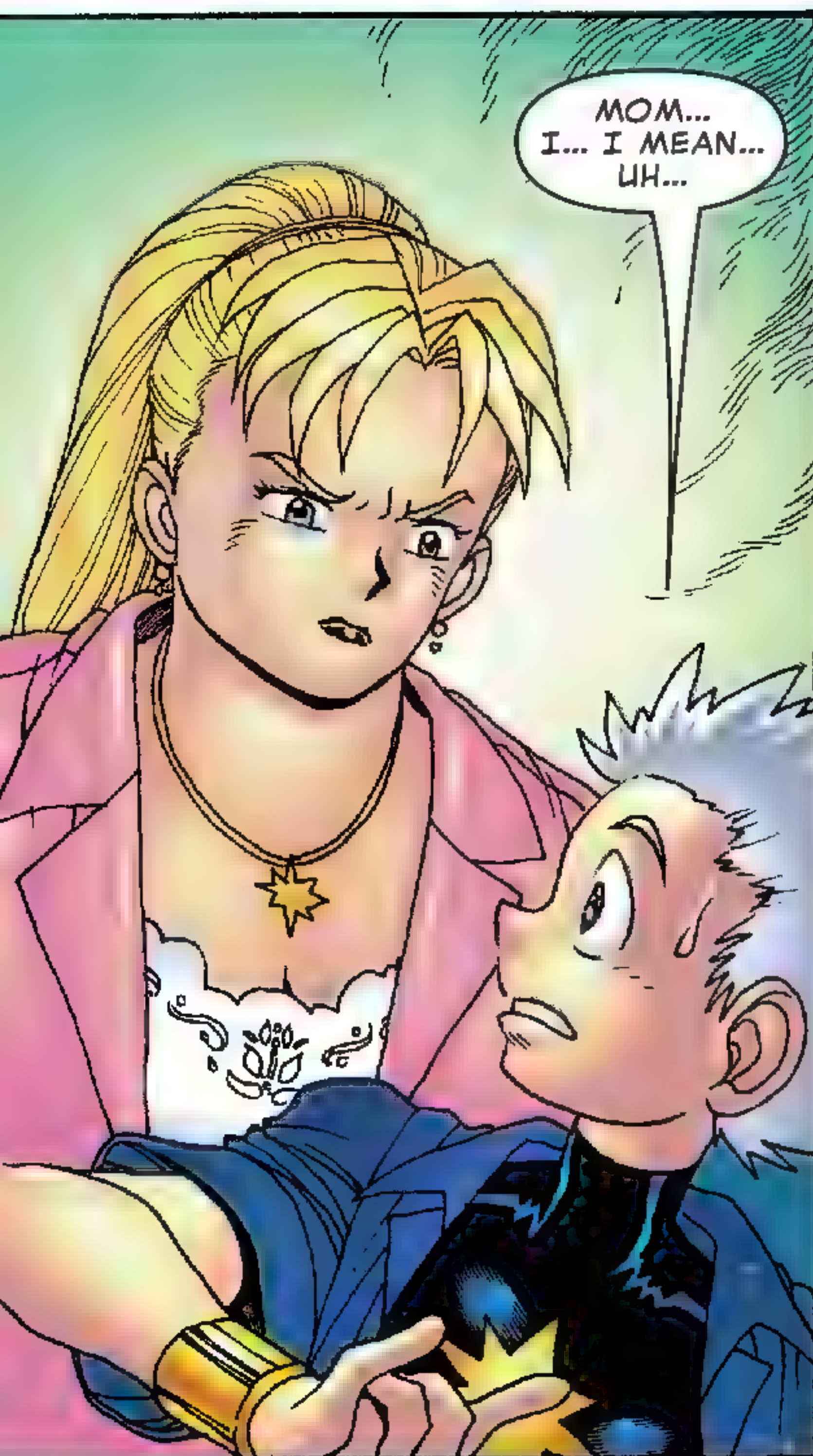
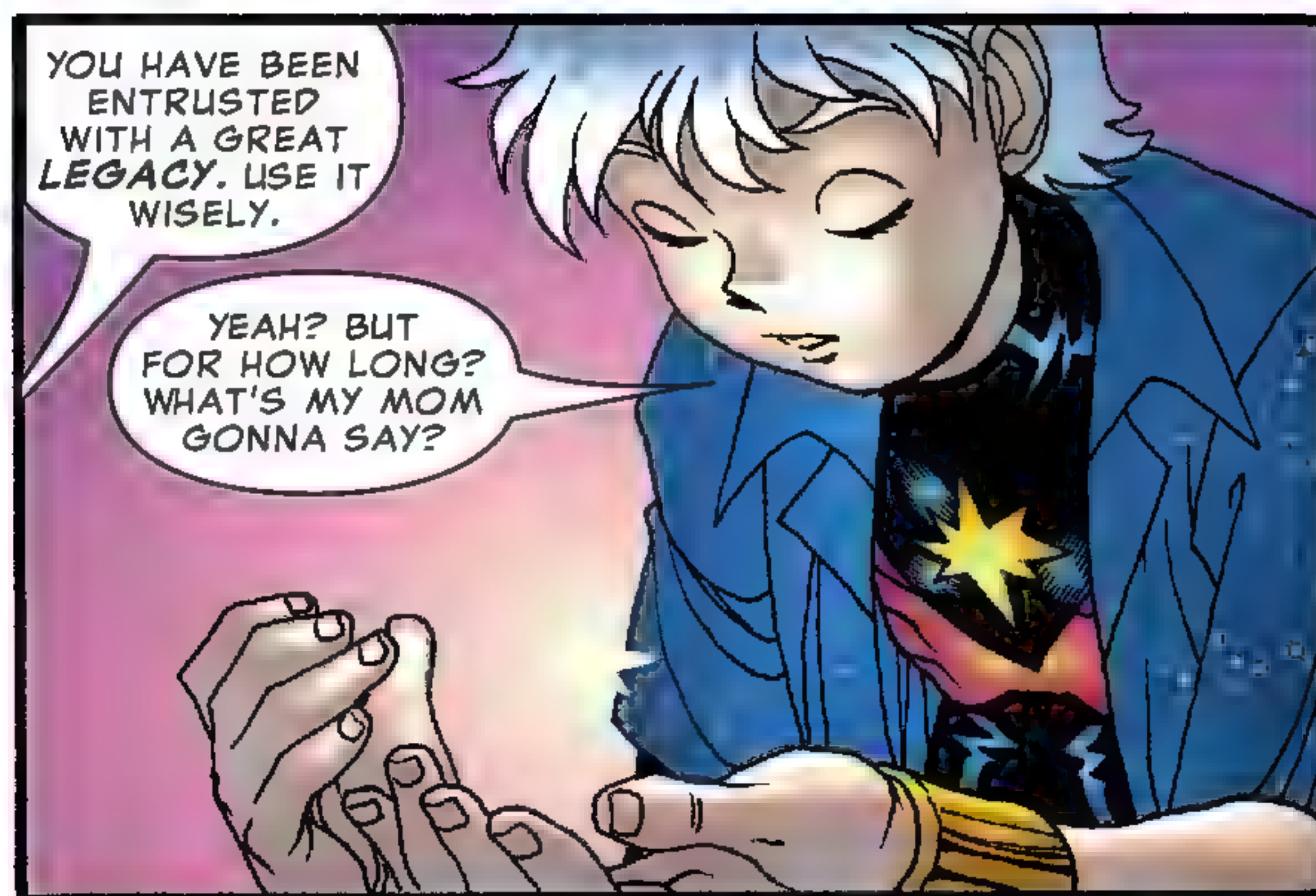
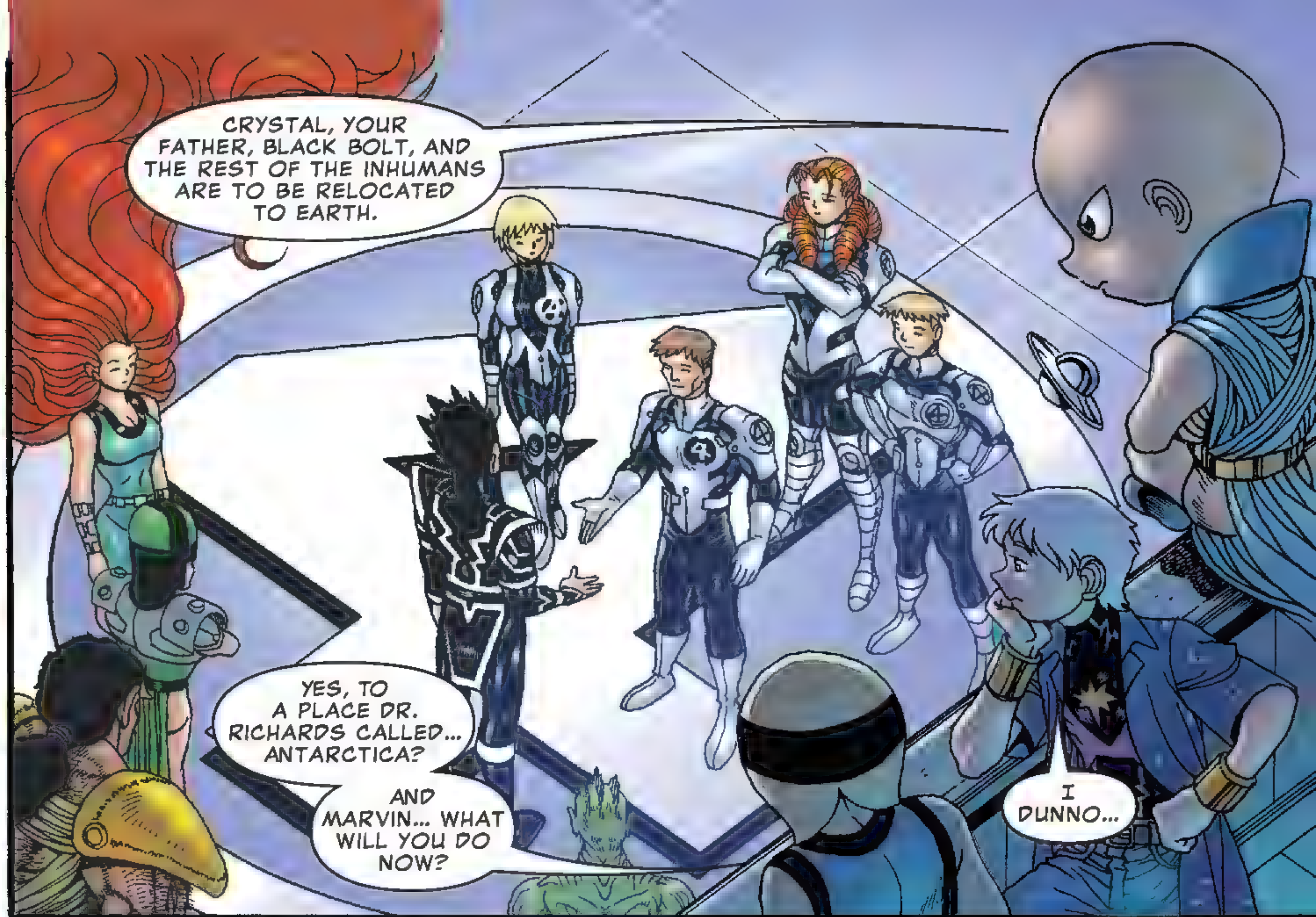
OH, THAT?
NO PROBLEM.
PIECE OF
CAKE...

I MEAN, I
AM THE KREE
GUARDIAN OF
EARTH!



AND YOU
SHALL TAKE YOUR
PLACE AMONGST
THE GREATEST OF
THEIR RANKS.

THANKS,
MEDUSA. YOU CAN
SHOW ME AS MUCH
APPRECIATION AS
YOU WANT...



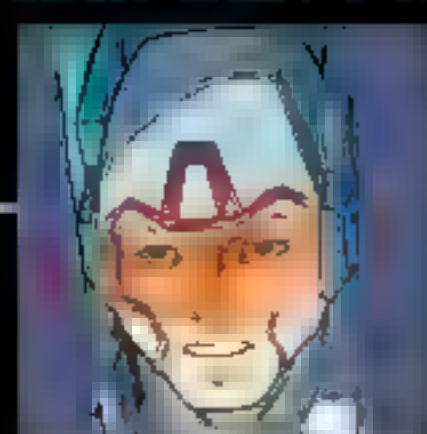
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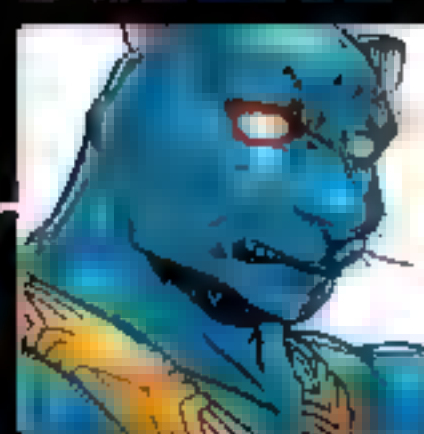
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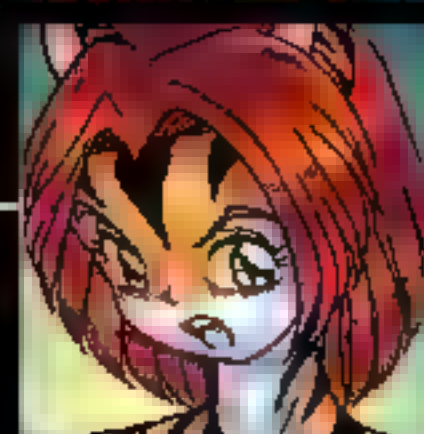
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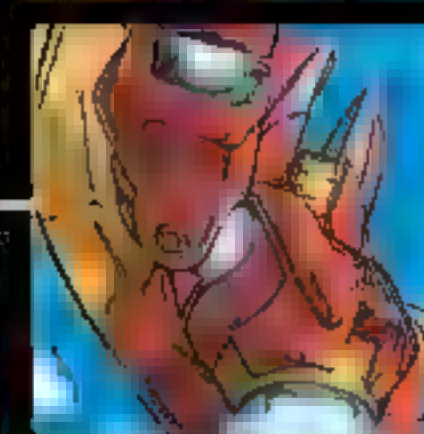
BLACK PANTHER



TIGRA



SCARLET WITCH



THE IRON AVENGER



NICK FURY

PREVIOUSLY IN MANGAVERSE

WHILST EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW FORM OF ENERGY, DR. BRUCE BANNER BECAME A PUPPET CAUGHT UP IN THE MACHINATIONS OF BARON STRUCKER AND THE NEFARIOUS PRINCE NAMOR. HIS BODY CONSUMED BY THE SAME 'NEGATIVE ENERGY' HE WAS TRYING TO ACCESS, BANNER TRANSFORMED INTO THE MONSTROUS BEING KNOWN AS THE HULK AND PROCEEDED TO RAMPAGE ACROSS NEW YORK.

AS THE MANGAVERSE HEROES BANDED TOGETHER TO DIVERT THE HULK'S DESTRUCTIVE PATH, STRUCKER AND NAMOR LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON STARK ISLAND, WHERE STRUCKER OPENED THE MYSTIC PORTAL FREEING HIS TRUE MASTER, DORMAMMU. IT WAS ONLY THE RETURN OF THE HULK AND AN ACT OF SUPREME SELF-SACRIFICE ON BANNER'S BEHALF THAT FINALLY HALTED DORMAMMU AND HIS MINIONS.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE HULK'S DEVASTATING ATTACK, THE YOUNG MARVIN ELLWOOD, THE KREE SENTINEL OF EARTH KNOWN AS CAPTAIN MARVEL, WAS CALLED UPON TO BATTLE THE PLANET-EATING VIRUS KNOWN AS GALACTUS! MARVEL WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT GALACTUS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ALIEN TRIBE KNOWN AS THE INHUMANS, BUT NOT BEFORE COUNTLESS LIVES WERE LOST AND COUNTRIES ACROSS THE GLOBE WERE RAVAGED BY GALACTUS'S ATTACK.

NOW, AS THE WORLD STEPS BACK FROM THE BRINK ONCE AGAIN, A HIGH LEVEL MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED AT THE UNITED NATIONS BY PRESIDENT STEVE ROGERS TO DISCUSS THE WORLD'S SAFETY...

LIBERTY'S DOOM

PART ONE OF THREE



KEVIN GUNSTONE AND BEN DUNN BEN DUNN GUARU EFX
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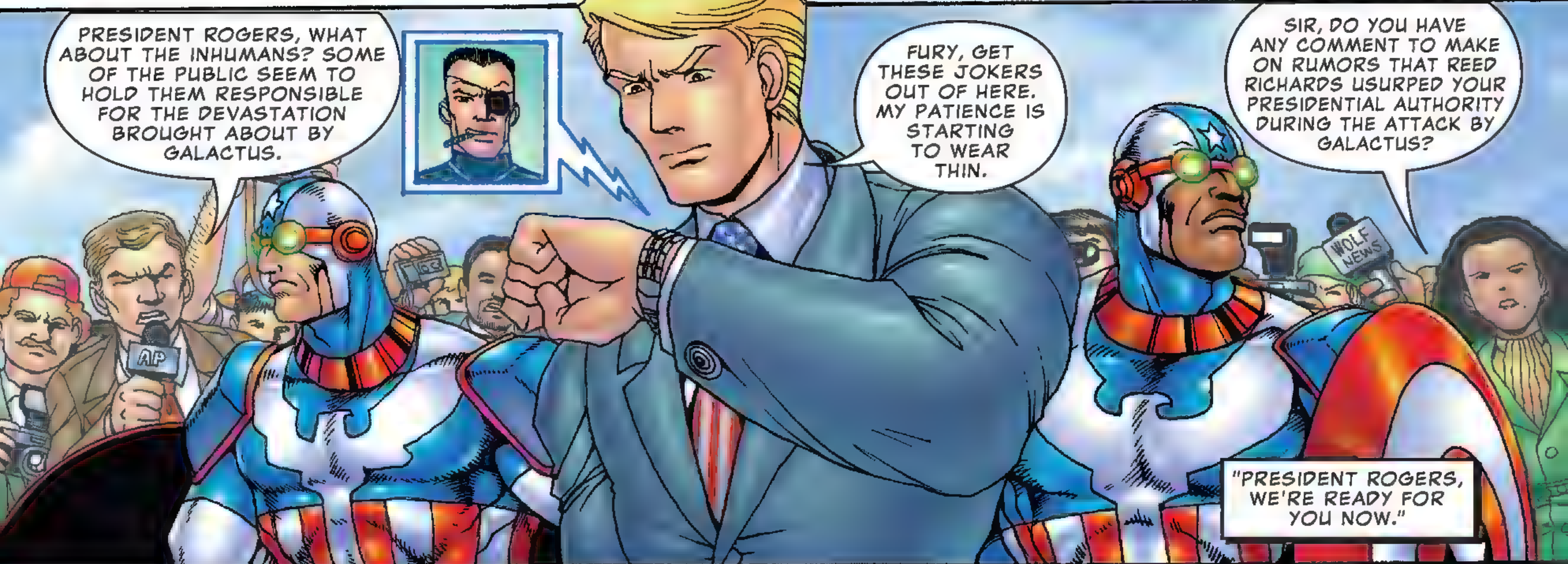
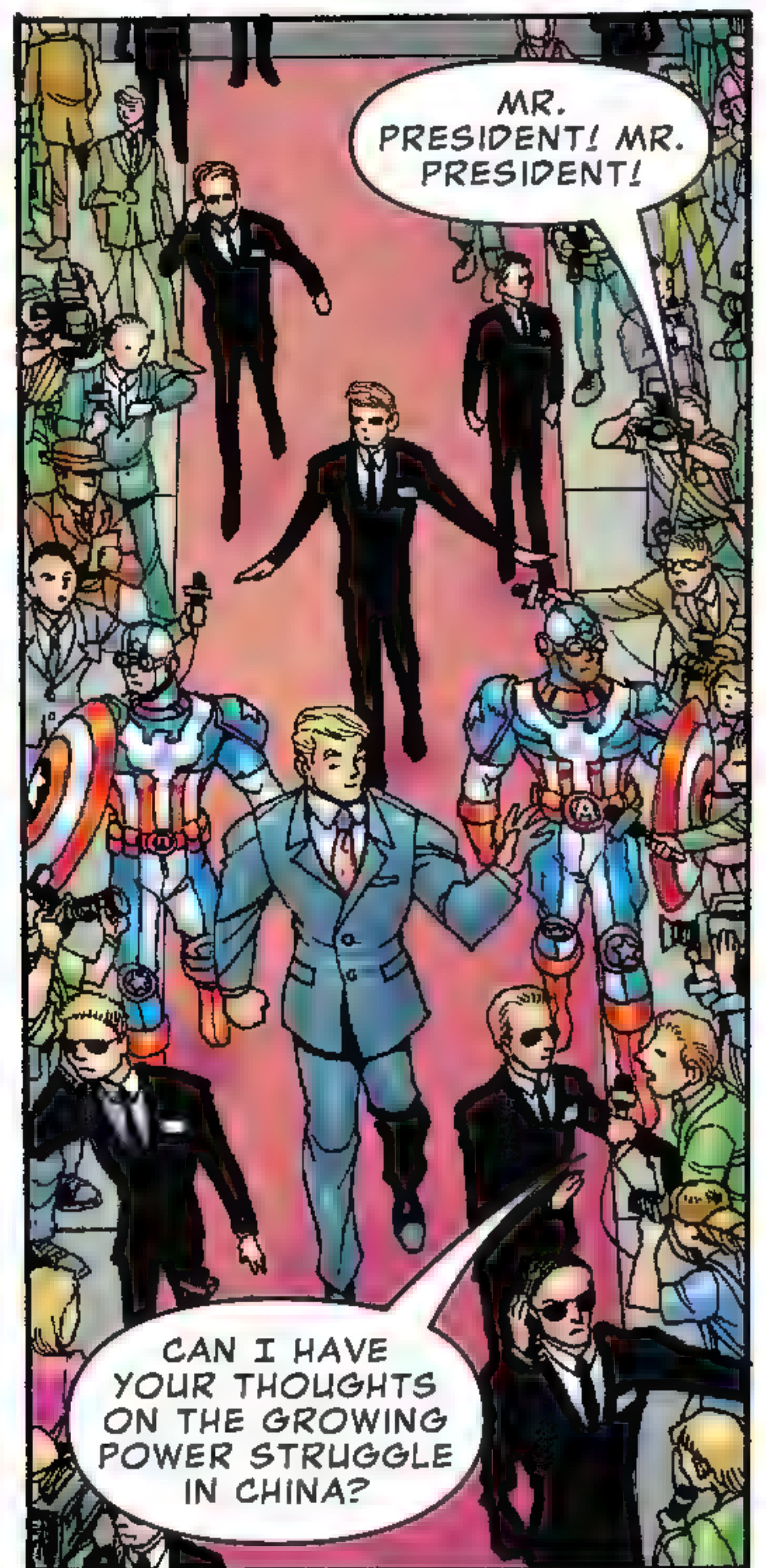
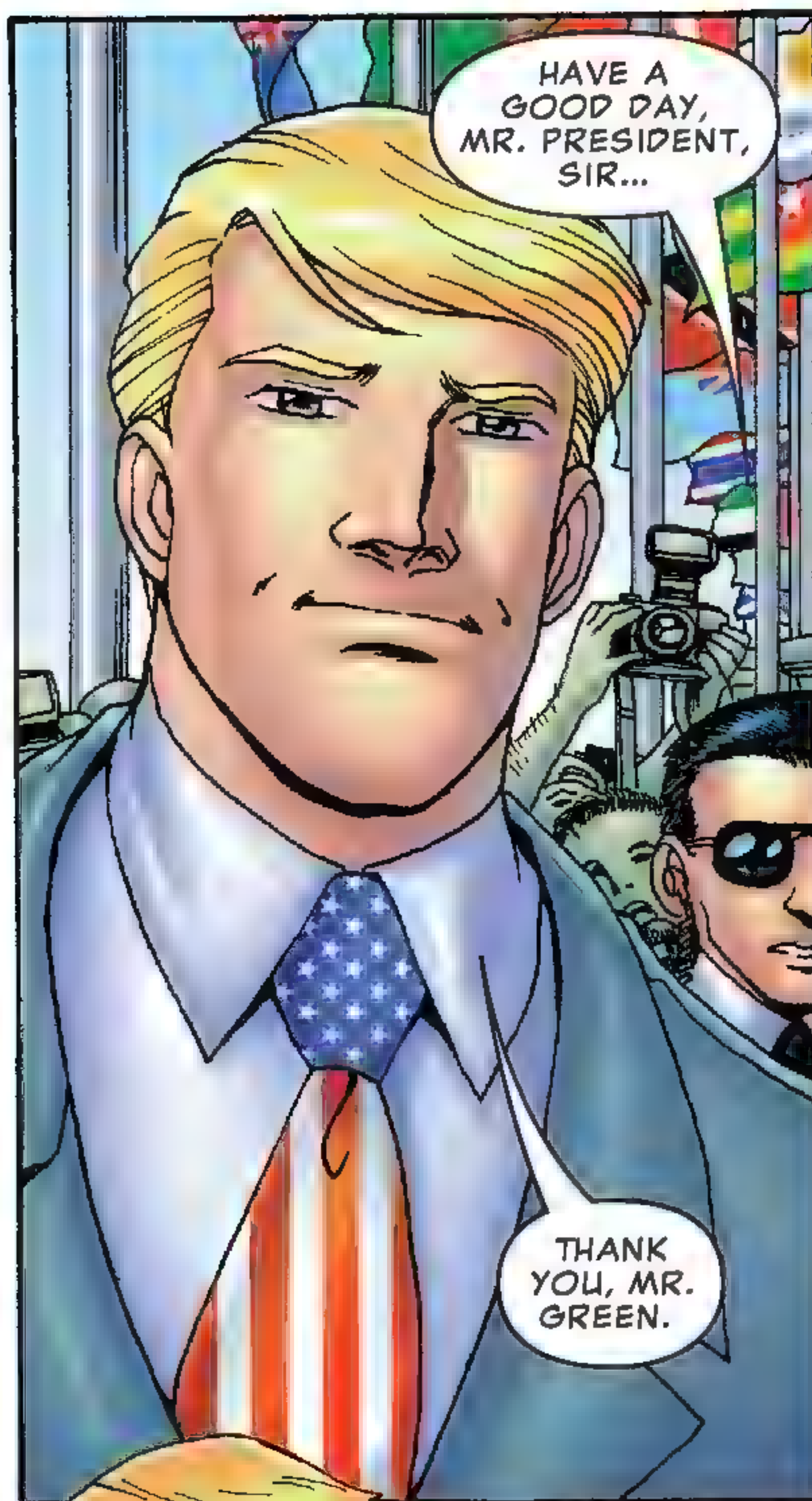
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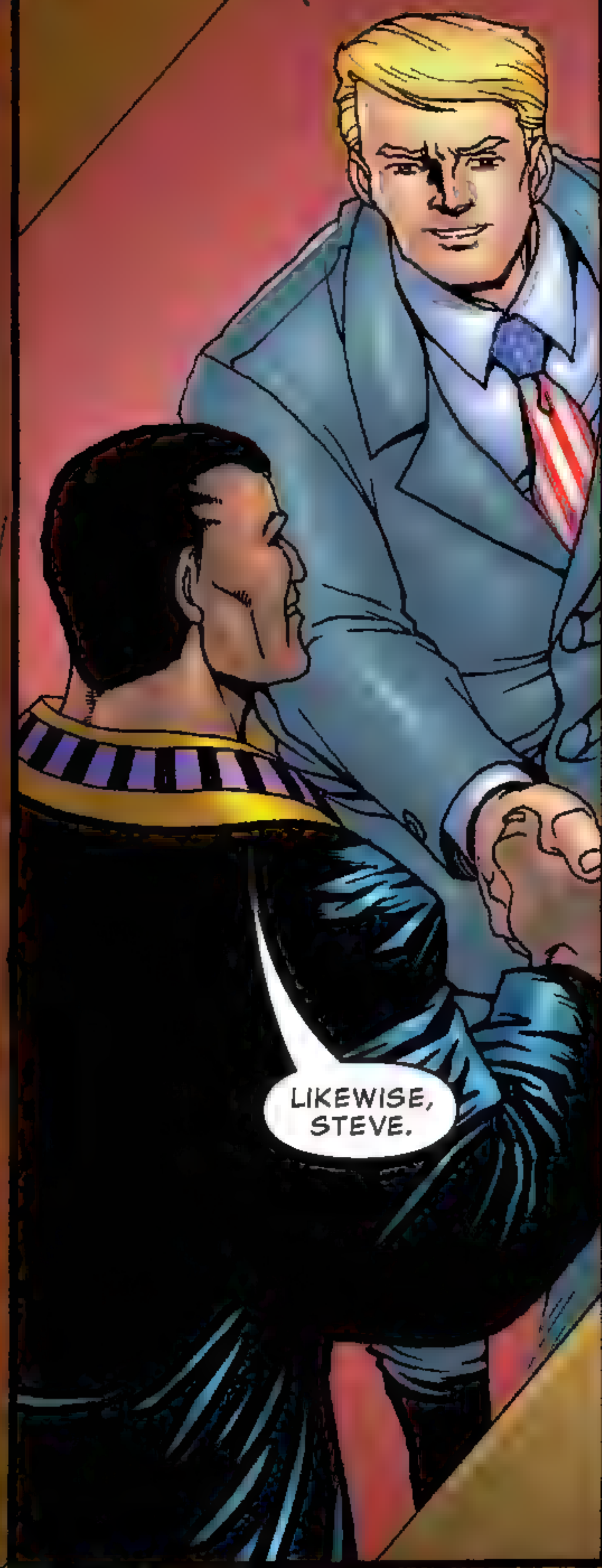




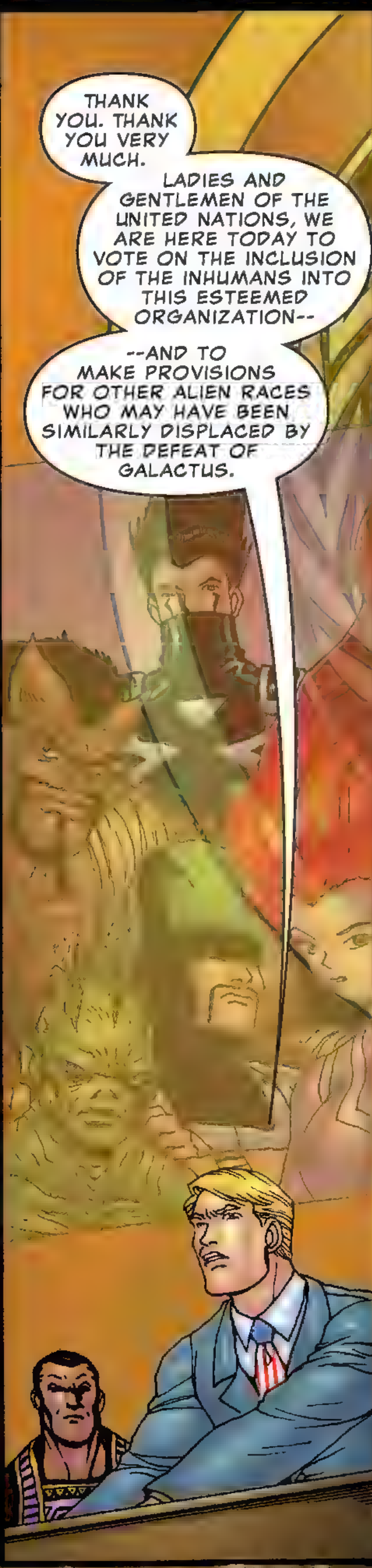
ASSEMBLED DELEGATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WOULD YOU PLEASE WELCOME A MAN I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO CALL A FRIEND--

--THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR. STEVE ROGERS.

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, T'CHALLA.



LIKewise, STEVE.



THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WE ARE HERE TODAY TO VOTE ON THE INCLUSION OF THE INHUMANS INTO THIS ESTEEMED ORGANIZATION--

--AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR OTHER ALIEN RACES WHO MAY HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY DISPLACED BY THE DEFEAT OF GALACTUS.



PRINCE NAMOR

AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT IT?

WE HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES WHO OR WHAT ELSE IS OUT THERE THAT COULD PROVIDE A THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF OUR CIVILIZATION?

ASIDE FROM GALACTUS, OUR RECENT TROUBLES AT THE HANDS OF HYDRA AND THE ATLANTEANS, HAVE, I THINK, MADE US ALL REALIZE THE DANGERS OF THE MODERN DAY WORLD.

HOWEVER, BEFORE I ADDRESS THAT MATTER DIRECTLY, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF MY OWN.

BEFORE I BECAME PRESIDENT, I WAS PROUD TO SERVE IN MY NATION'S ARMED FORCES DURING THE COLD WAR. SO I KNOW FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE THAT OUR RECENT TROUBLES ARE JUST THE TIP OF ONE ALMIGHTY ICEBERG.

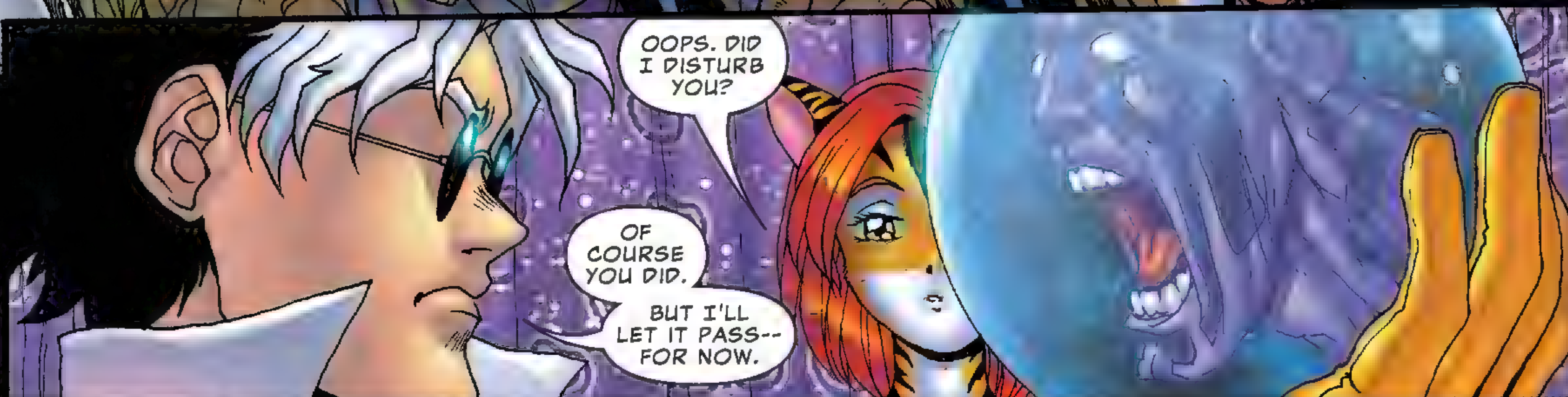
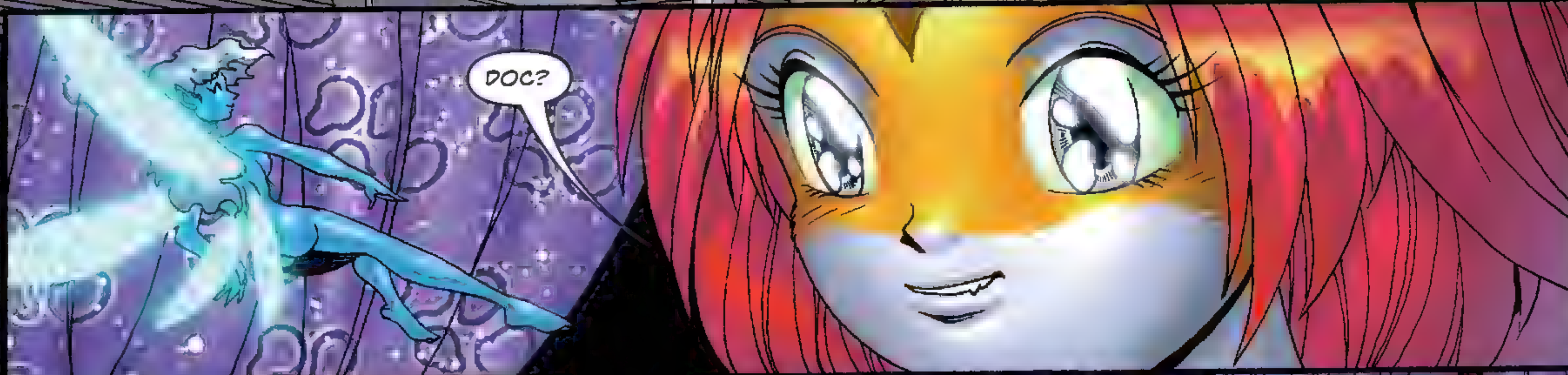
THERE ARE A LOT OF DISENFRANCHISED COUNTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND TYRANTS OUT THERE WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO REGARD FOR LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY, AND JUSTICE--

--AND WHO ARE READY TO USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THEIR EVIL MANIFESTOS.

SPIDER-MAN! THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THE AVENGERS! CAPTAIN MARVEL! MARVEL'S GREATEST HEROES, BUT NOT AS YOU REMEMBER THEM. THE MARVEL UNIVERSE HAS BEEN RE-IMAGINED AND REDESIGNED WITH JAPANESE STYLES AND SENSIBILITIES. STAN LEE PROUDLY PRESENTS...

MARVEL MANGAVERSE!

"THESE INDIVIDUALS POSE A THREAT TO OUR VERY EXISTENCE, BUT WHILST I STAND AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THEY SHALL NOT GAIN VICTORY..."





WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

WELL, IT WAS GETTING A BIT LONELY IN THIS BIG OL' CREEPY SANCTUM. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO WATCH SOME TV...

...WITH ME.

TIGRA, YOU INTERRUPTED MY TIME OF CONTEMPLATION WITH THE ALL-SEEING-EYE TO ASK ME IF I WANT TO WATCH TELEVISION?

UH, YEAH, I GUESS SO. IT'S THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH LIVE FROM THE U.N.

YOU SHOULD WATCH IT. I MEAN, YOU KNOW HIM AND HE'S A MAN WHO HAS PLENTY TO SAY.

YES, I CAN IMAGINE HE HAS. ROGERS IS A GOOD MAN... FOR THE MOST PART.

BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW THAT SUCH THINGS HOLD LITTLE INTEREST FOR ME.

YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR THE REAL WORLD, DO YOU, DOC?

THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF REAL.

HUMAN HISTORY AND THE PEOPLE WHO CONTROL AND SHAPE IT, ARE, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, TRANSIENT.

IN THE ETHEREAL WORLD, THE KEEPERS ARE TIMELESS AND I CAN CONTINUE TO GAIN INSTRUCTION IN THE WAYS OF THE MYSTIC ARTS FROM THE ANCIENT ONES.





NOW, I KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT GIVING WORLD CITIZENSHIP TO THE INHUMANS BECAUSE THEY ARE ALIEN.

BUT I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE AGAINST GALACTUS, WE WOULD NOT EVEN BE HERE TODAY...



IN THIS WORLD, WE NEED WHATEVER ALLIES WE CAN FIND, BE THEY HUMAN, MUTANT OR INHUMAN.



THAT IS WHY I IMPORE YOU TODAY TO VOTE FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE INHUMANS INTO THE UNITED NATIONS...

CRASH



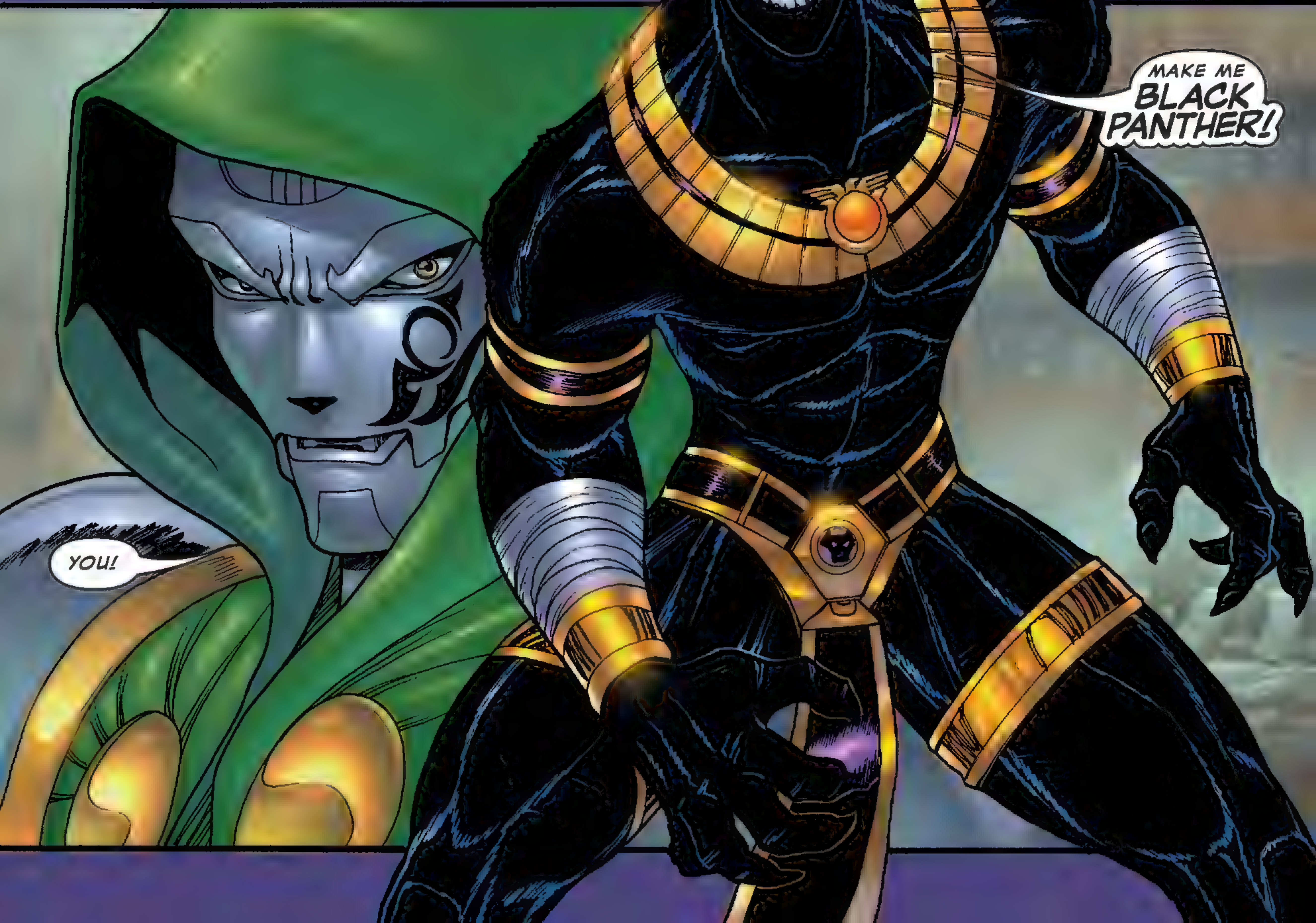
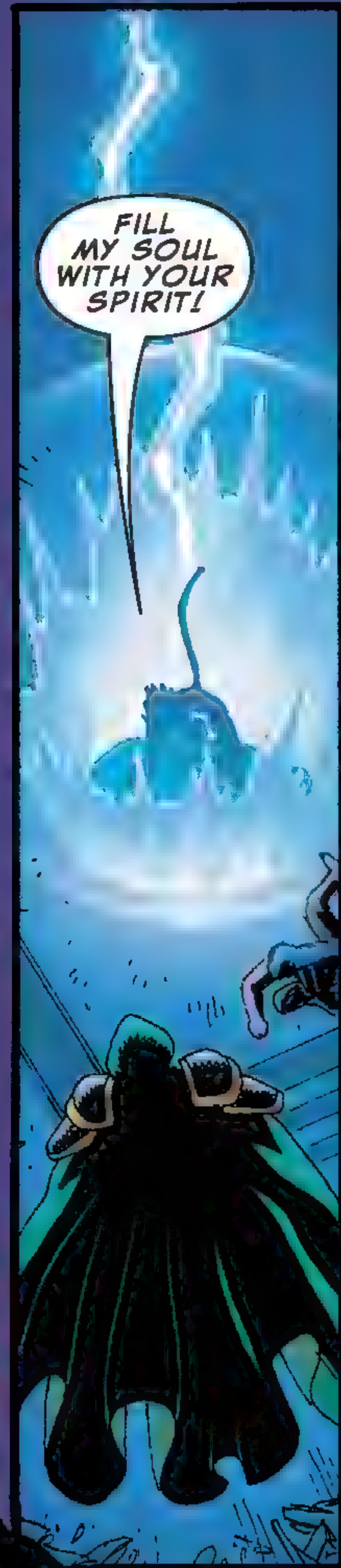
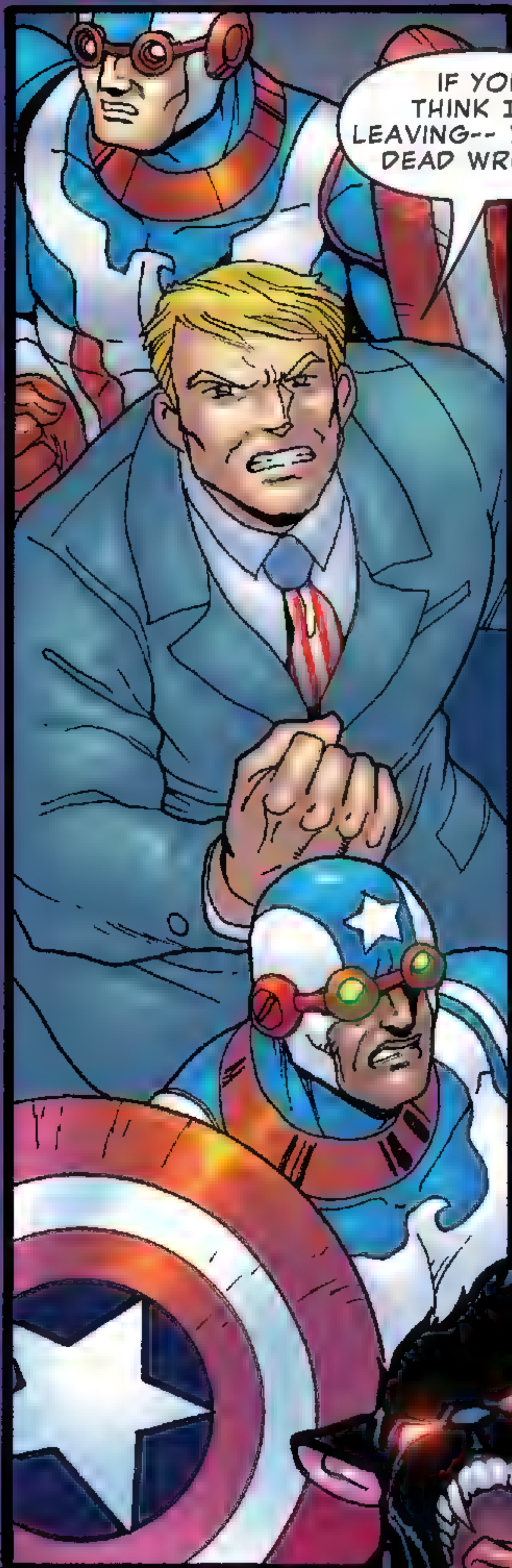
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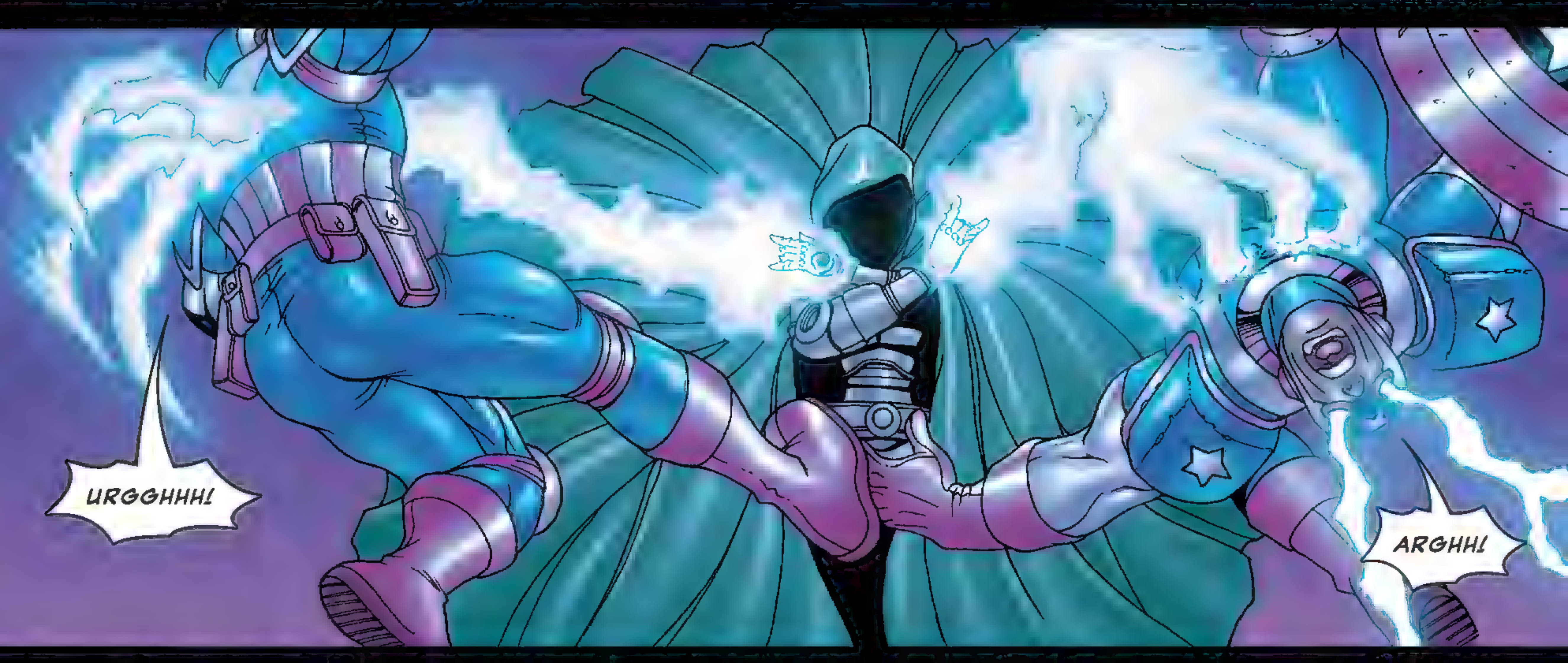
FALL TO
YOUR KNEES,
WITLESS
HUMANS!

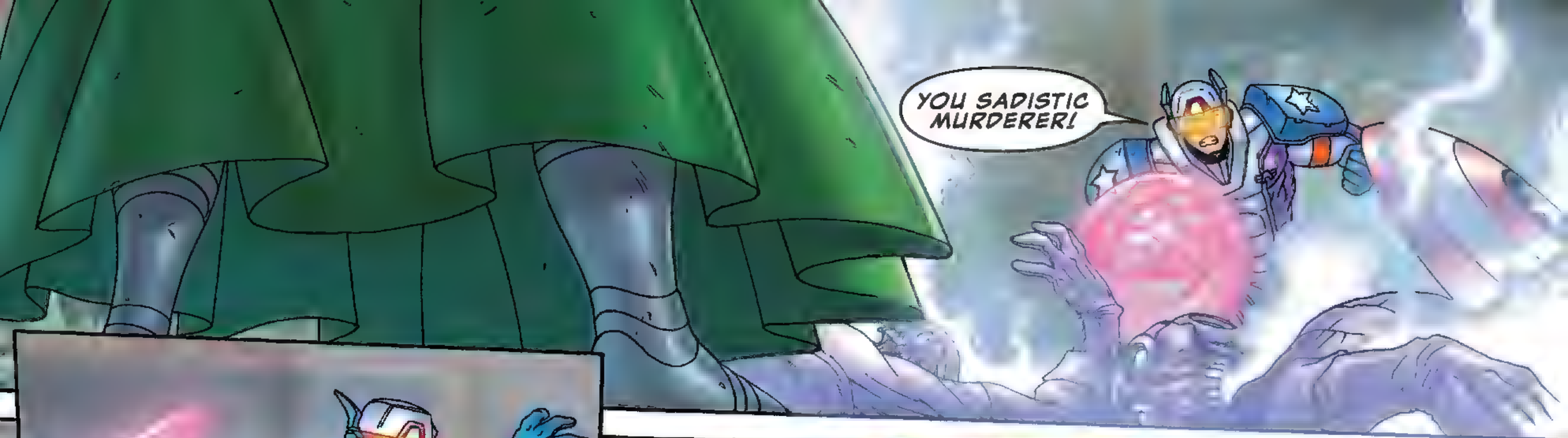
BOW AND
SUBMIT TO
THE MIGHT OF
DOOM!

ARCHAEOLOGY
GINA DIGGERS





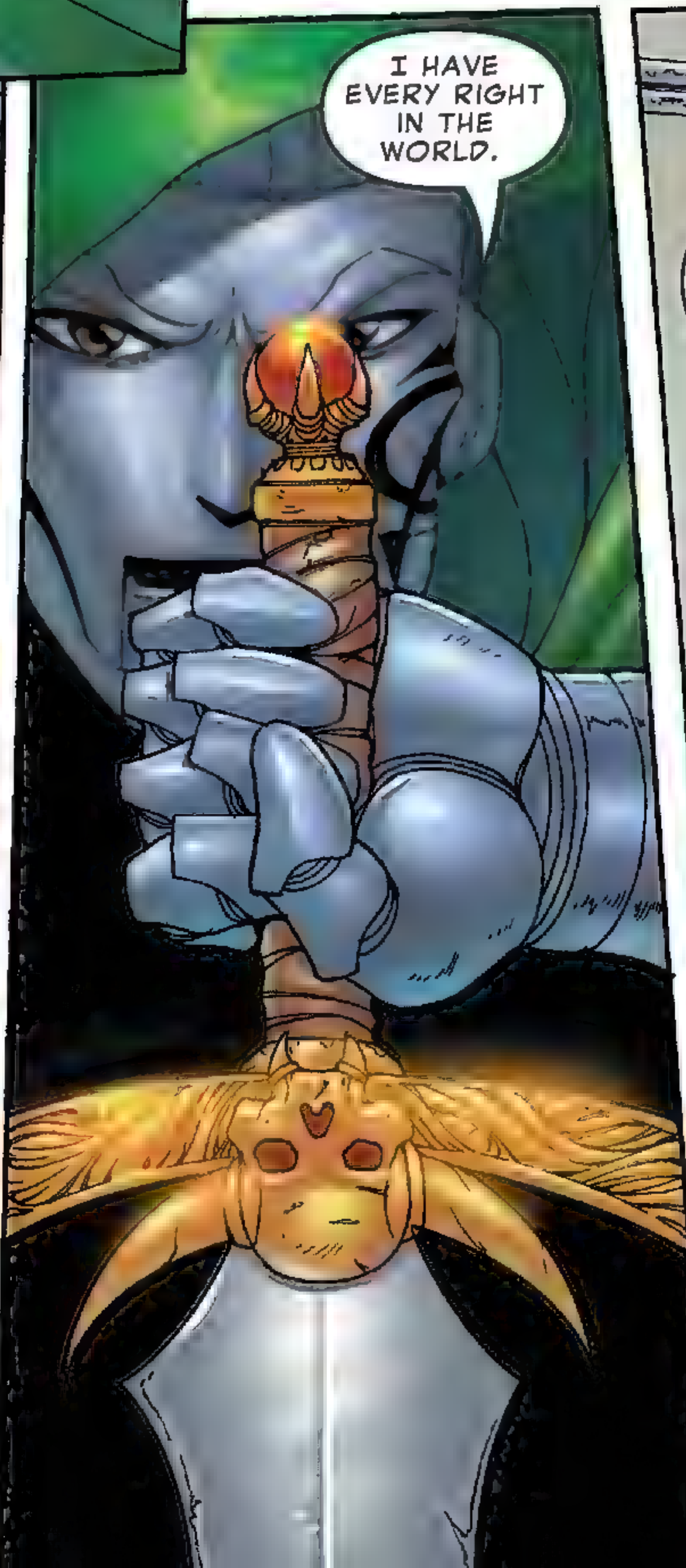




YOU SADISTIC MURDERER!



WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO INVADE MY COUNTRY AND KILL MY PEOPLE?!



I HAVE EVERY RIGHT IN THE WORLD.



YOU GATHER HERE TO DISCUSS THOSE WHO ARE ALIEN TO OUR WORLD. YOU WISH TO OFFER THEM A SAFE HAVEN--

--BUT YOU HAVE NOT YET HELPED THE MILLIONS INJURED IN GALACTUS'S ATTACK. AMONGST THE VICTIMS, THE PROUD CITIZENS OF MY LATVERIAN NATION.

SCORES OF MY PEOPLE LIE DEAD DUE TO THE INCOMPETENCE OF BUNGLING IDIOTS SUCH AS REED RICHARDS, WHO THROUGH HIS RELIANCE ON MAN-MADE TECHNOLOGY WAS UNABLE TO DEFEND THIS WORLD PROPERLY.

SO, I TELL YOU NOW-- IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD THIS WORLD PROPER PROTECTION...

...THEN I WILL!

SOMETHING... OUTSIDE...

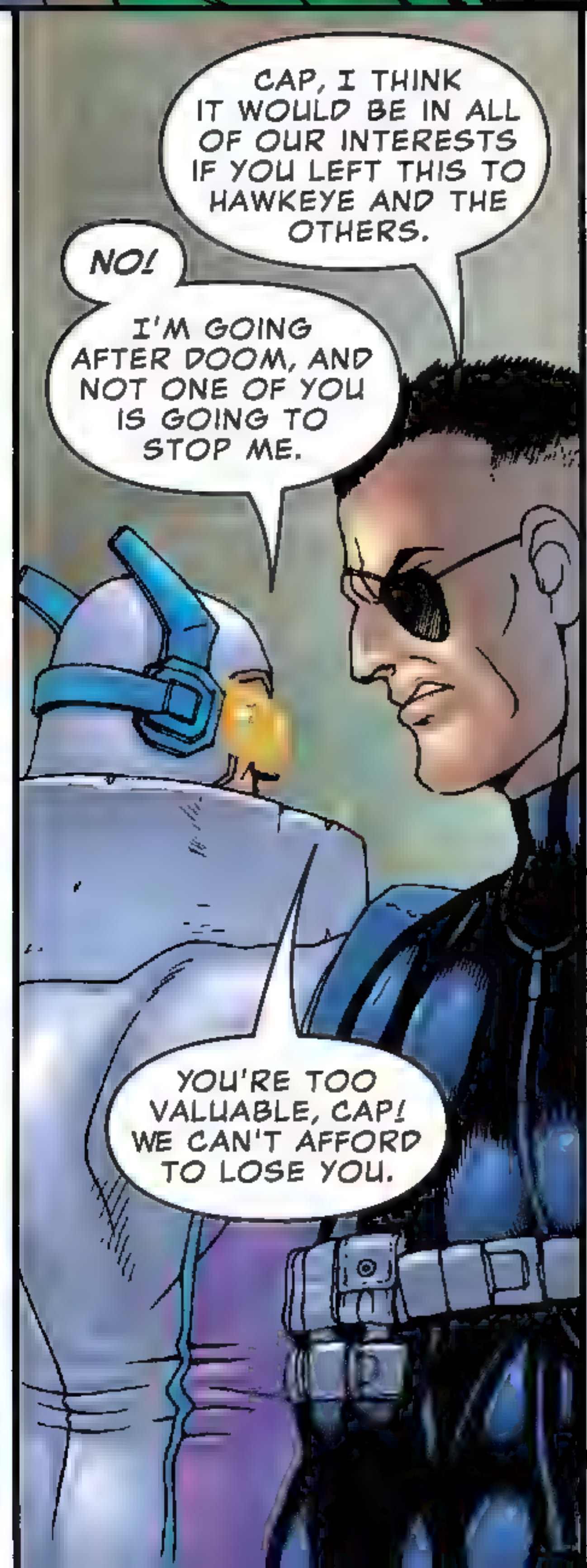


IT IS TIME TO SHOW THE WORLD THE TRUE POWER OF MY TECHNO MAGIC!



THE AVENGERS MECHA WILL ENGAGE DOOM MOMENTARILY. WE NEED TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?



CAP, I THINK IT WOULD BE IN ALL OF OUR INTERESTS IF YOU LEFT THIS TO HAWKEYE AND THE OTHERS.

NO!

I'M GOING AFTER DOOM, AND NOT ONE OF YOU IS GOING TO STOP ME.

YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE, CAP! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOU.



NICK, IN ORDER FOR ME TO GET THIS FAR, I'VE DONE A LOT OF THINGS WHICH I'VE KNOWN TO BE WRONG. SOMETIMES, WHEN I LOOK IN THE MIRROR, I'M NOT PROUD OF WHAT I SEE.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY SHOW PEOPLE THE GOOD I CAN DO-- AND YOU'RE NOT STOPPING ME!

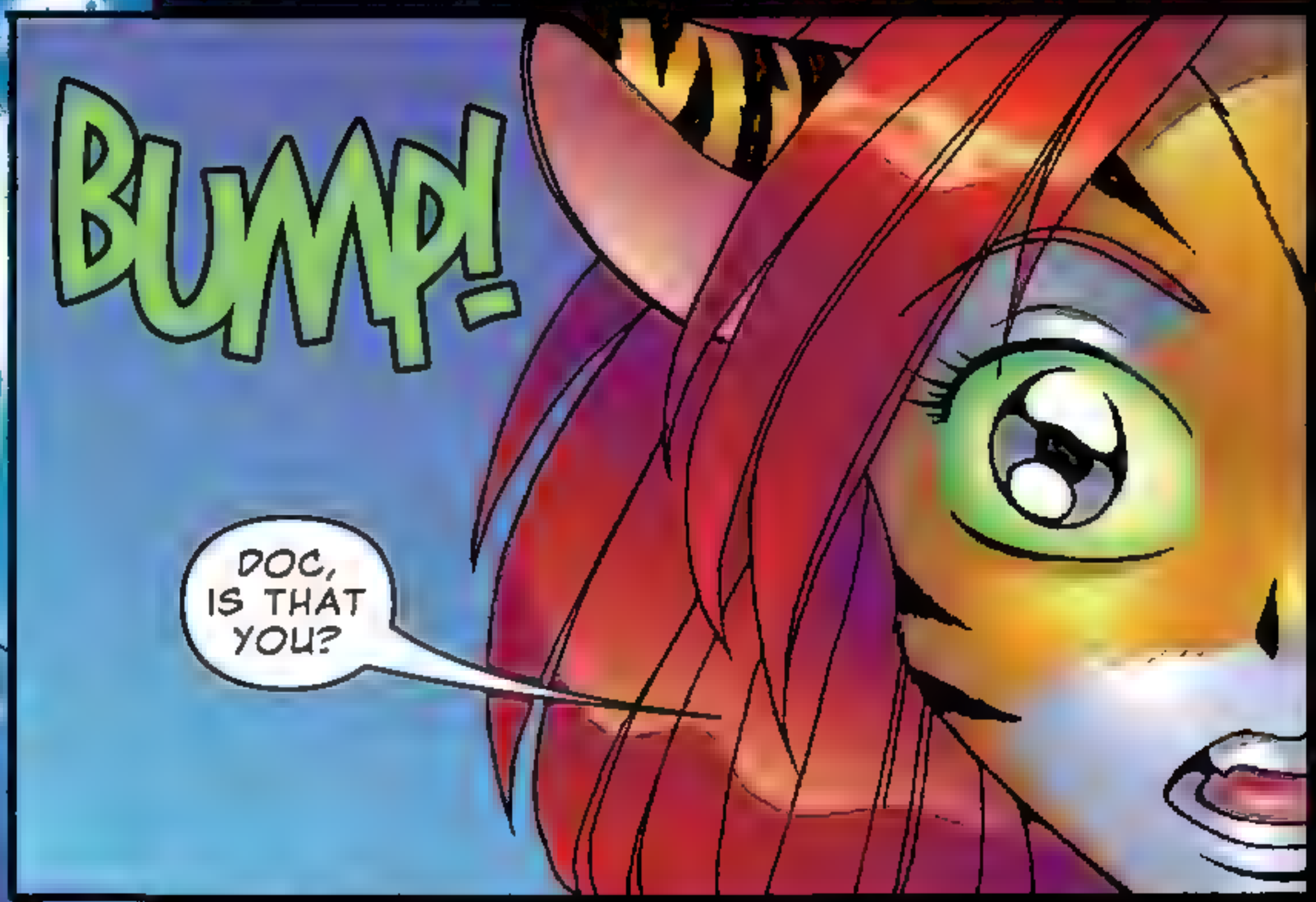


AND I'M GOING WITH YOU, CAP.

THIS IS OUR FIGHT.

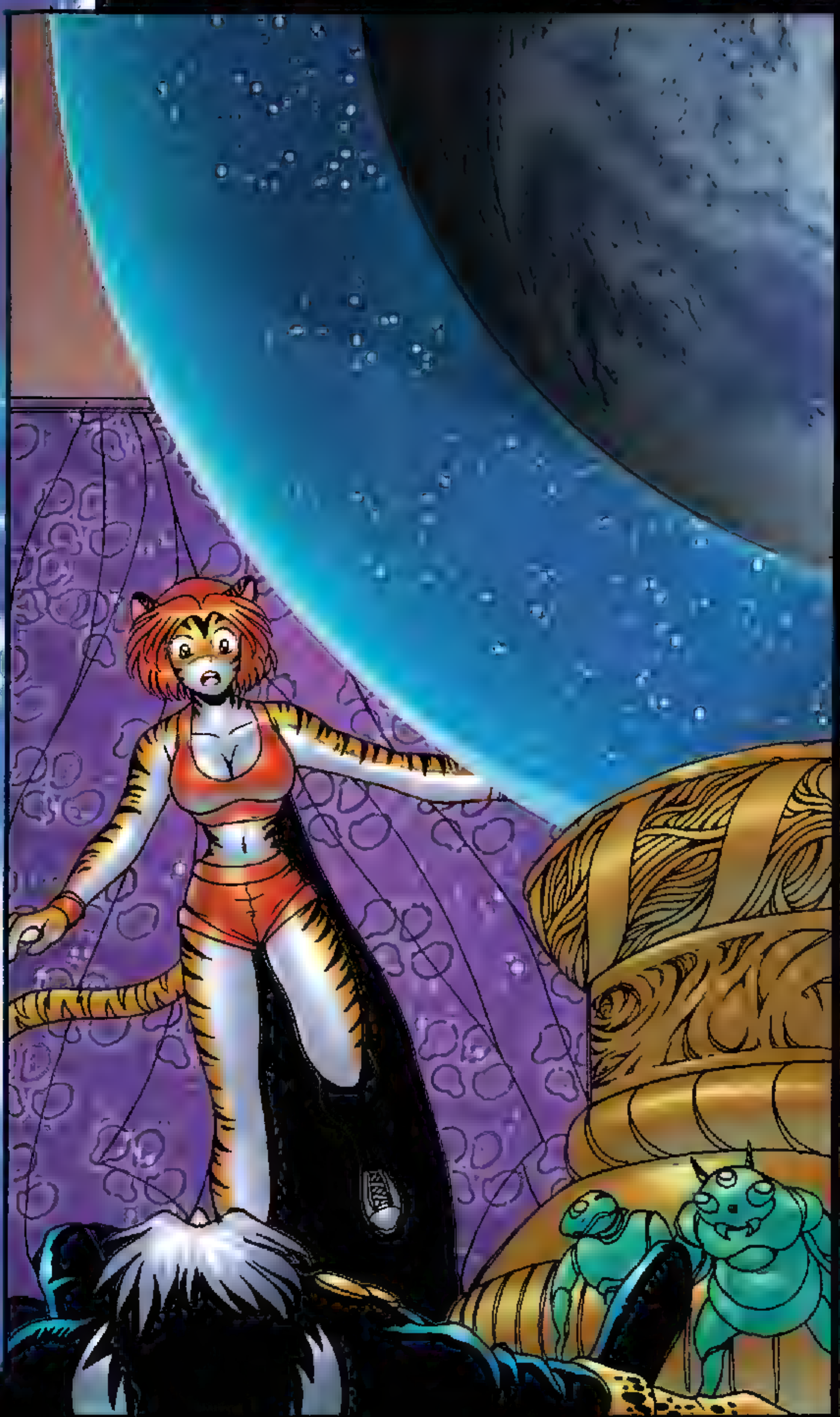


AARGGH!



BUMP!

DOC,
IS THAT
YOU?

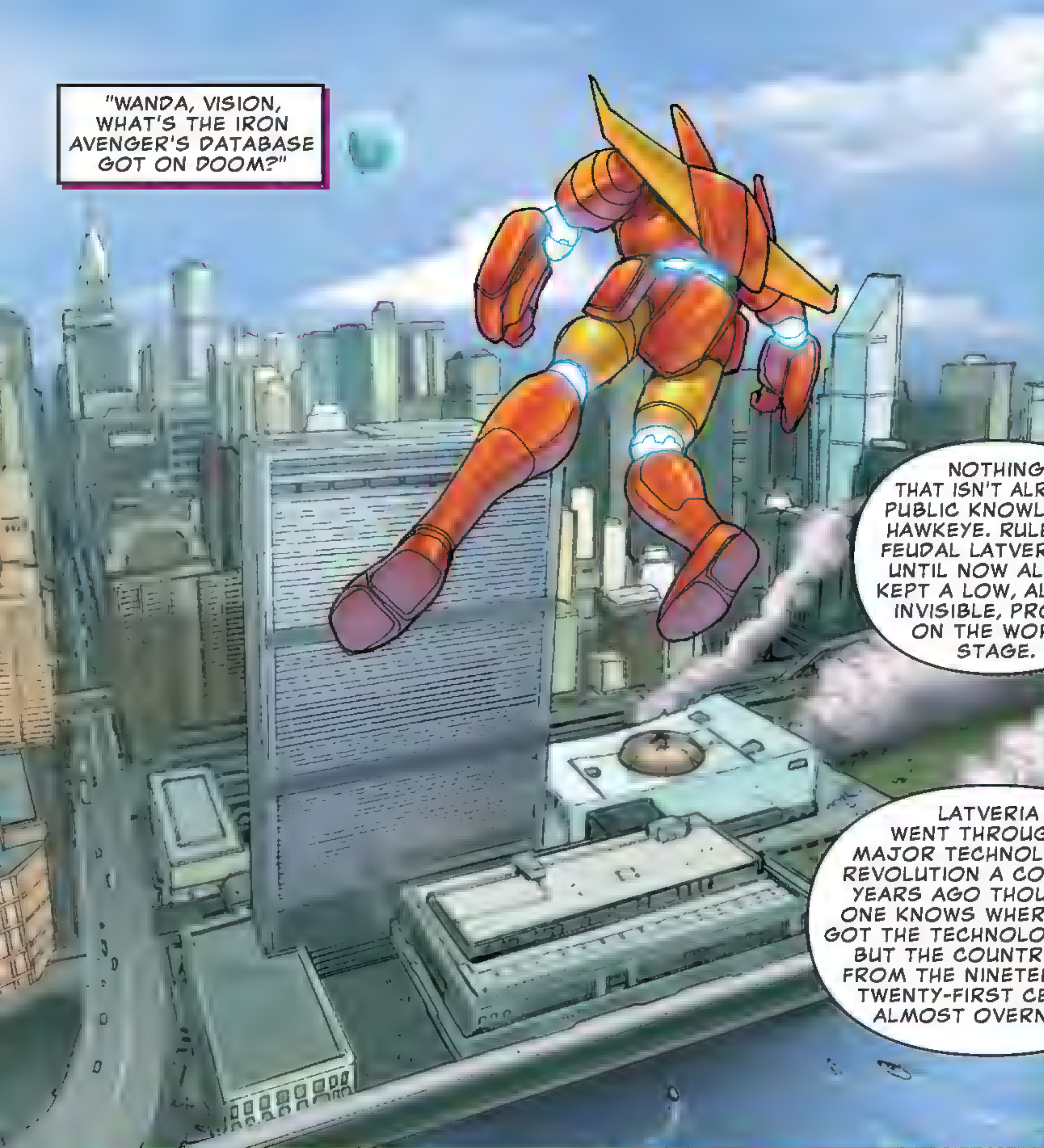


DOC!
WHAT
IS IT? WHAT'S
WRONG?



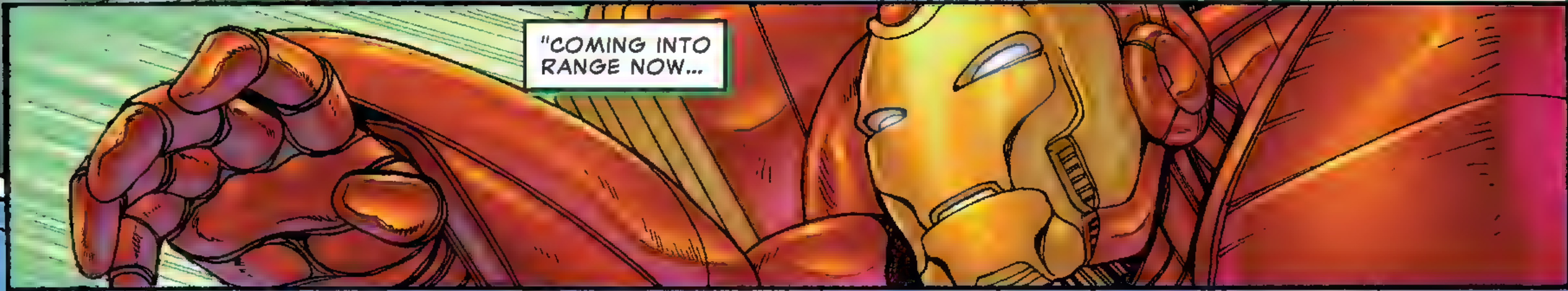
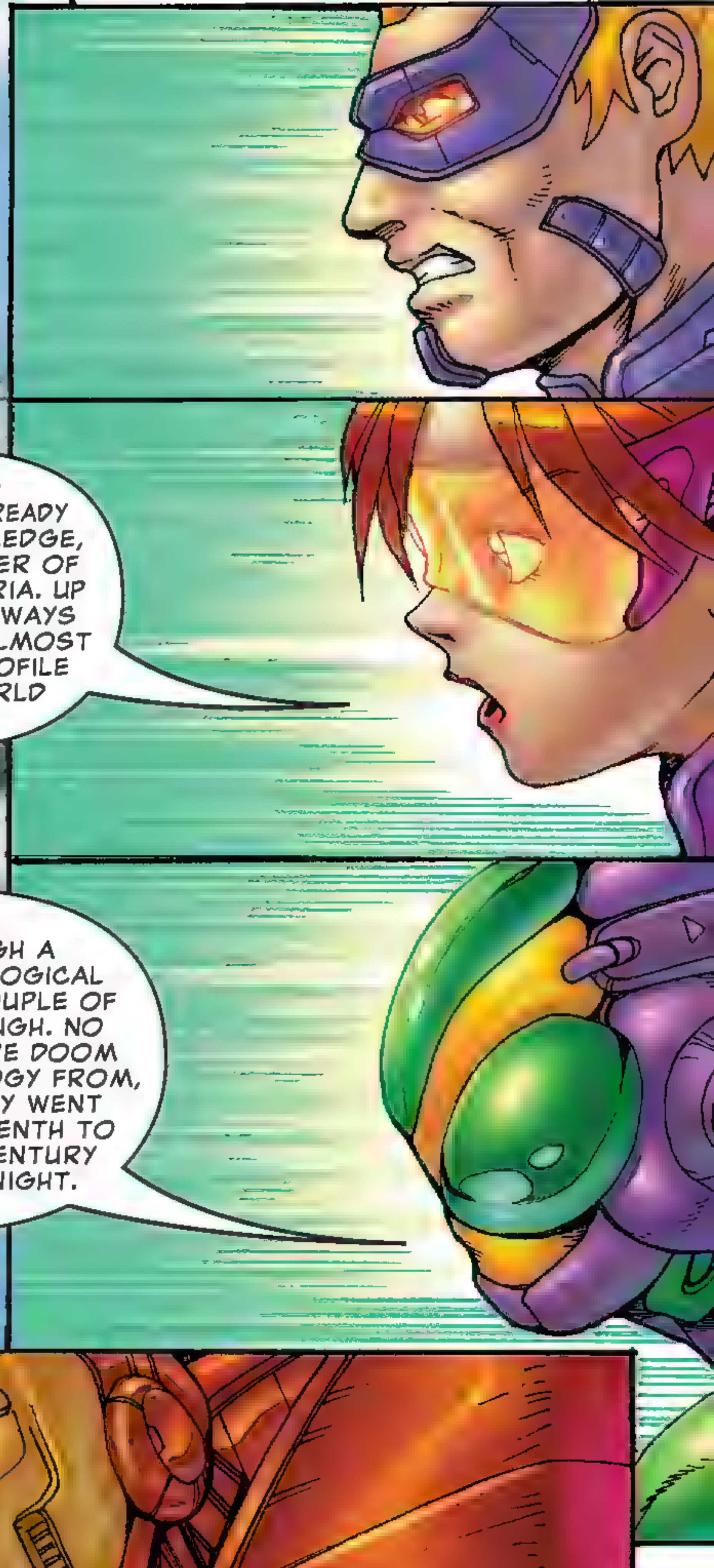
DOOM...
MUST BE
STOPPED!

"WANDA, VISION,
WHAT'S THE IRON
AVENGER'S DATABASE
GOT ON DOOM?"



NOTHING
THAT ISN'T ALREADY
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE,
HAWKEYE. RULER OF
FEUDAL LATVERIA. UP
UNTIL NOW ALWAYS
KEPT A LOW, ALMOST
INVISIBLE, PROFILE
ON THE WORLD
STAGE.

LATVERIA
WENT THROUGH A
MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL
REVOLUTION A COUPLE OF
YEARS AGO THOUGH. NO
ONE KNOWS WHERE DOOM
GOT THE TECHNOLOGY FROM,
BUT THE COUNTRY WENT
FROM THE NINETEENTH TO
TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
ALMOST OVERNIGHT.

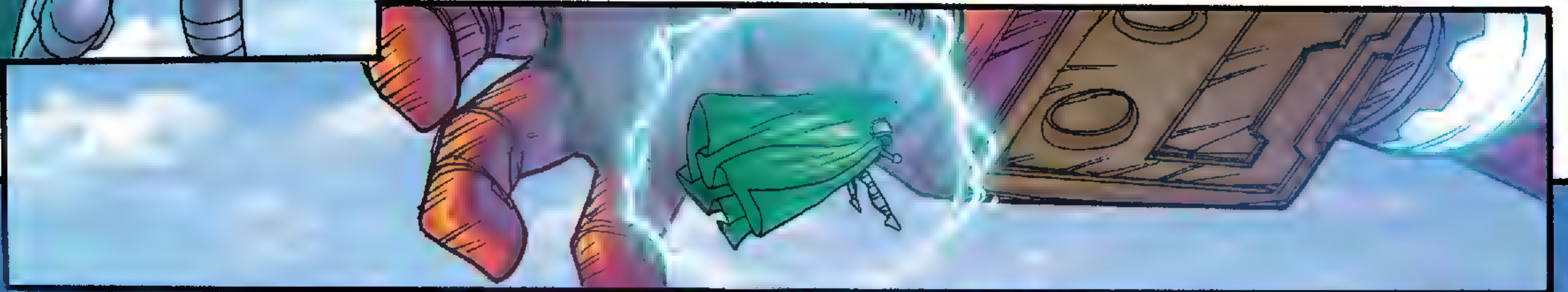
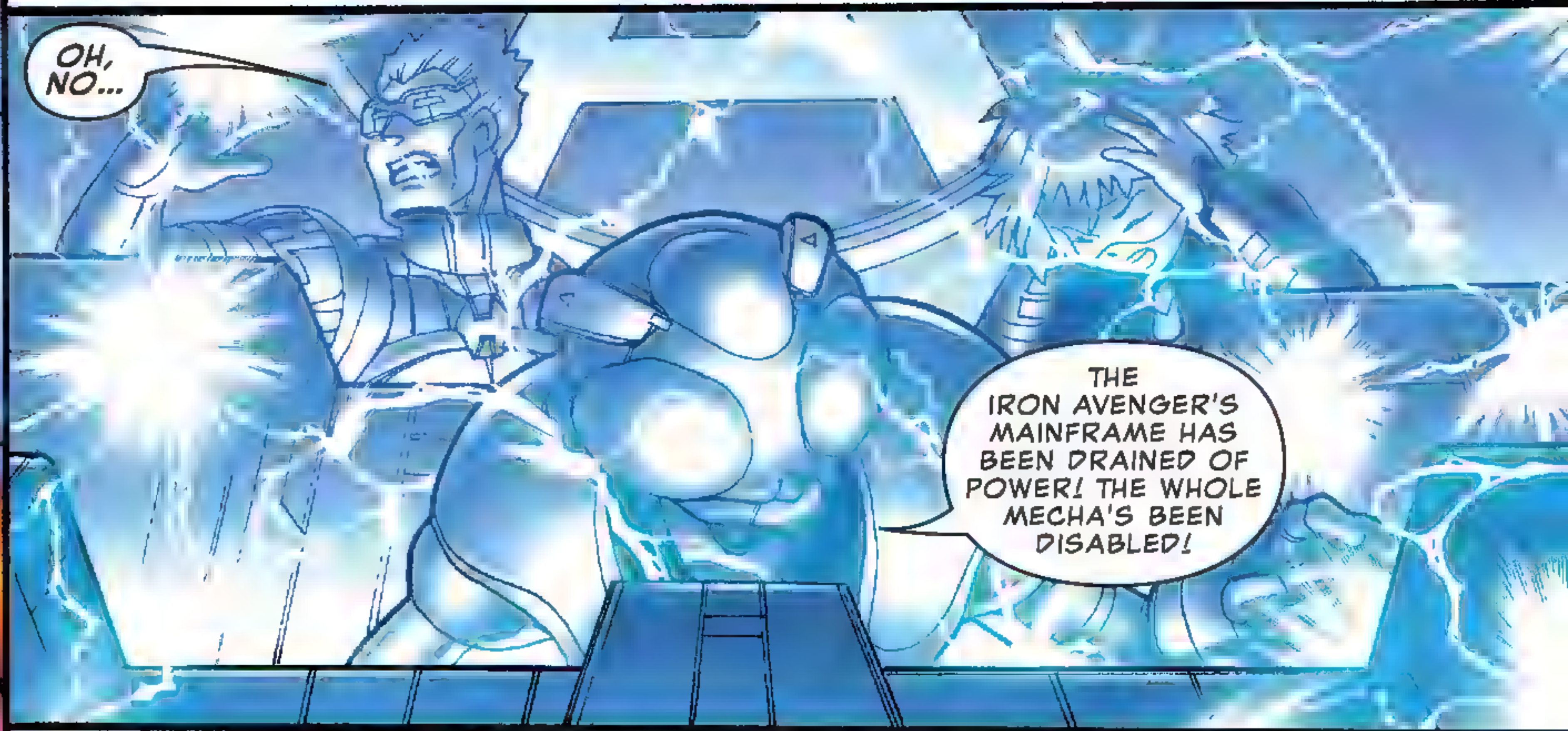
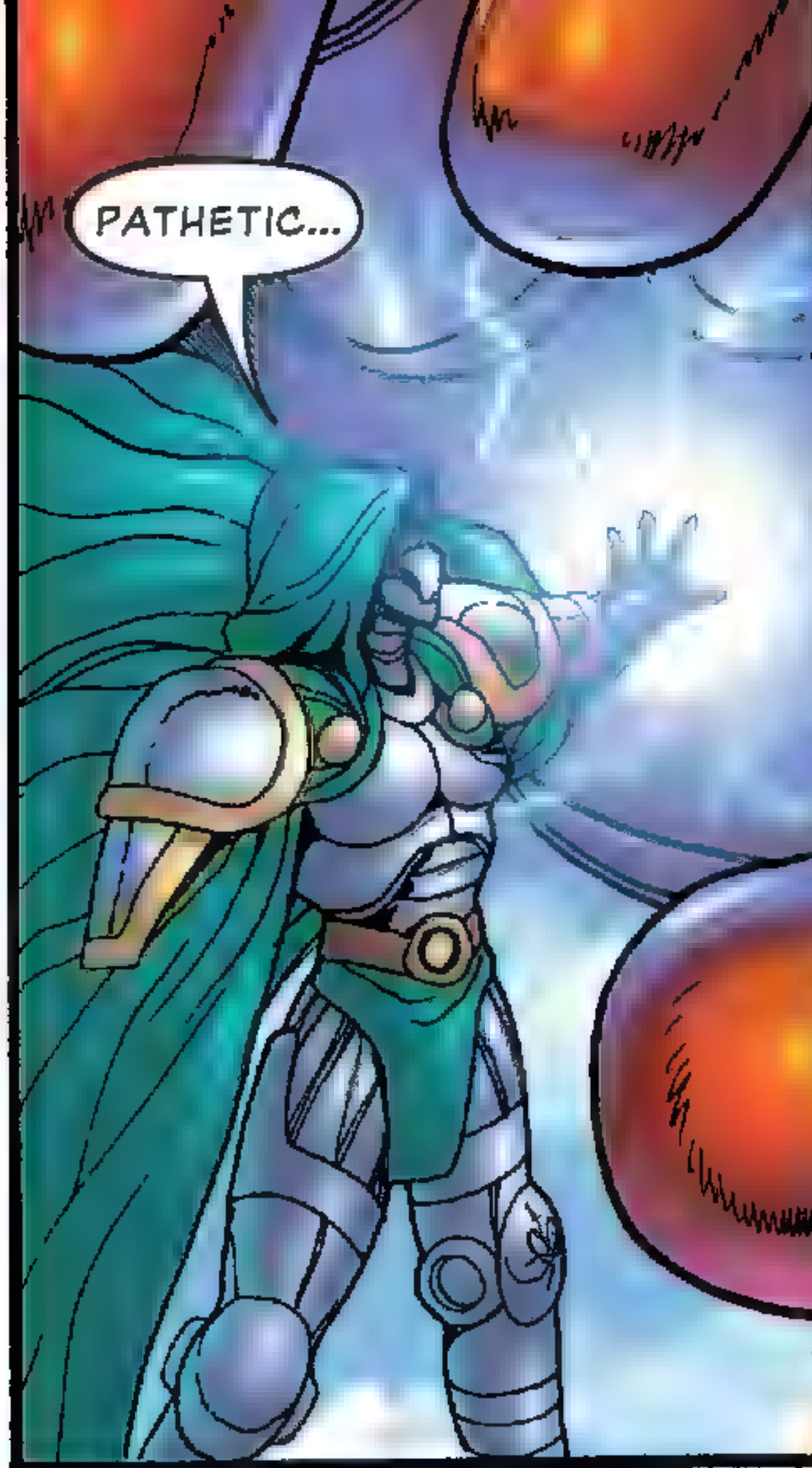


"COMING INTO
RANGE NOW..."



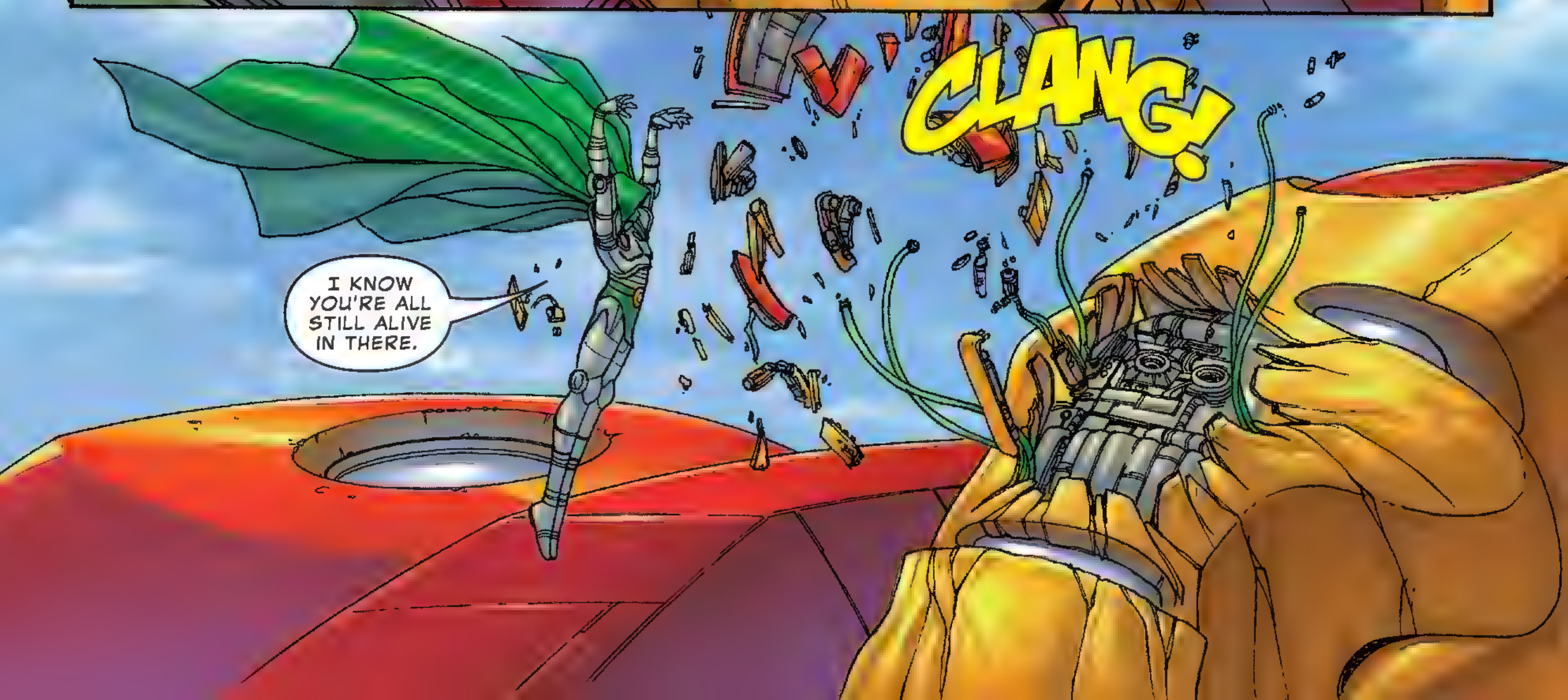
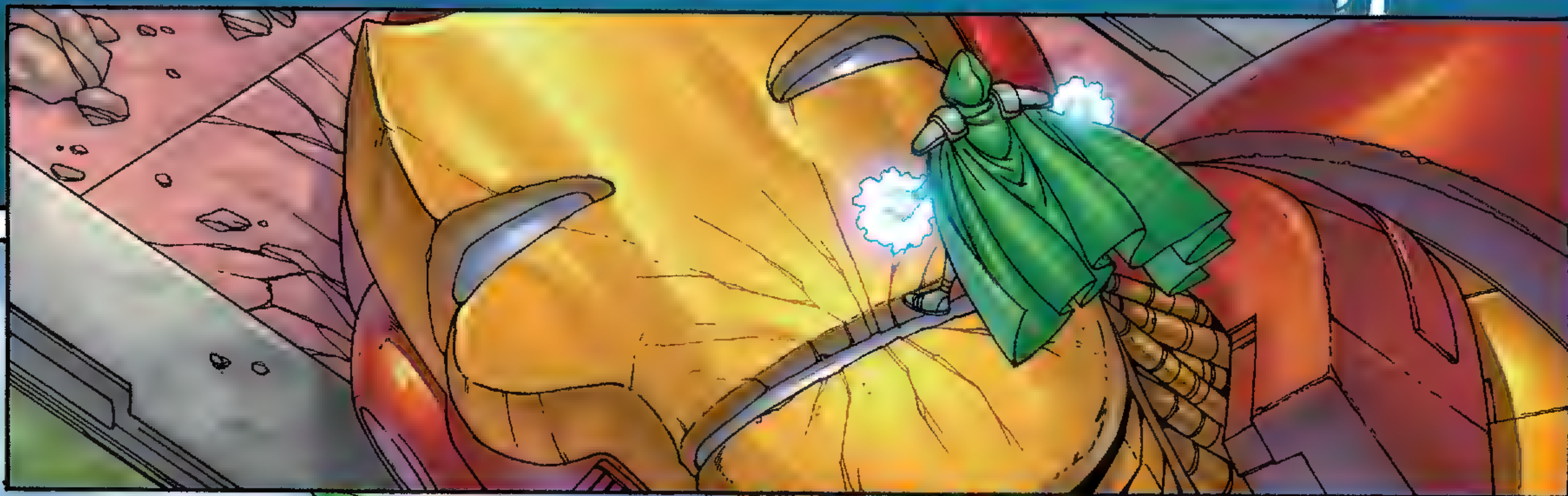
"STRAP YOURSELVES
IN. IT'S TIME FOR THE..."

**IRON AVENGER
MEGA POWER PUNCH!**





SPLASSSH



CLANG!

I KNOW
YOU'RE ALL
STILL ALIVE
IN THERE.



NICK, NOW YOU BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING AND LISTEN GOOD.

THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE IN DANGER AND I CAN'T JUST ABANDON THEM. THEY LOOK TO ME FOR THEIR SAFETY.



BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

THESE ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES.

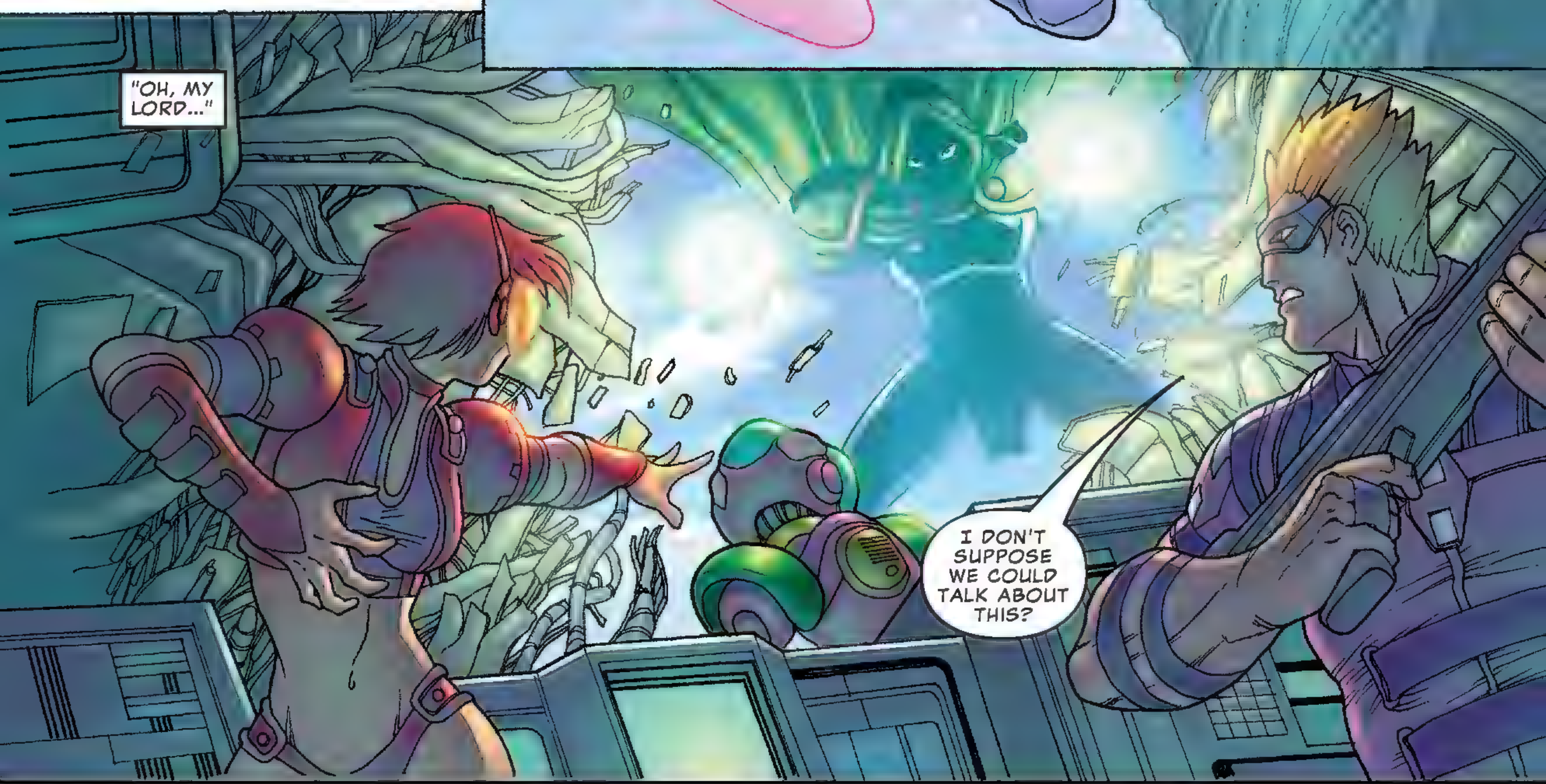


JUST ASK YOURSELF, WHAT KIND OF A WORLD IS IT WHERE CAPTAIN AMERICA SHIES AWAY FROM DEFENDING HIS OWN PEOPLE?

IF I CAN'T TRY TO DEFEAT EGOTISTICAL MANIACS SUCH AS DOOM, THEN WHO AM I ALLOWED TO FIGHT? THE ARMADILLO? STILT-MAN? JOYSTICK?



I'M GOING, NICK. WE'LL CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION LATER.

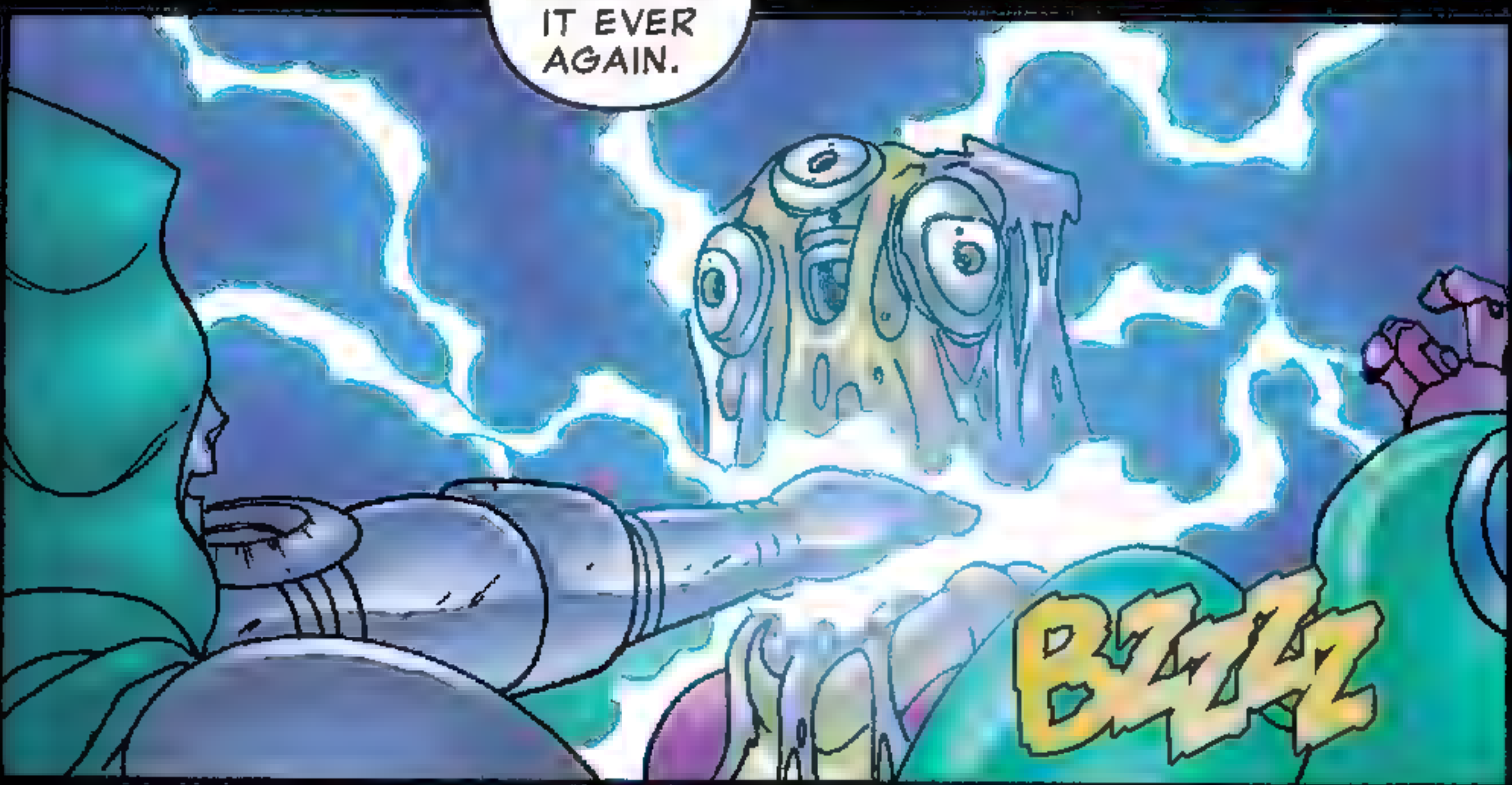
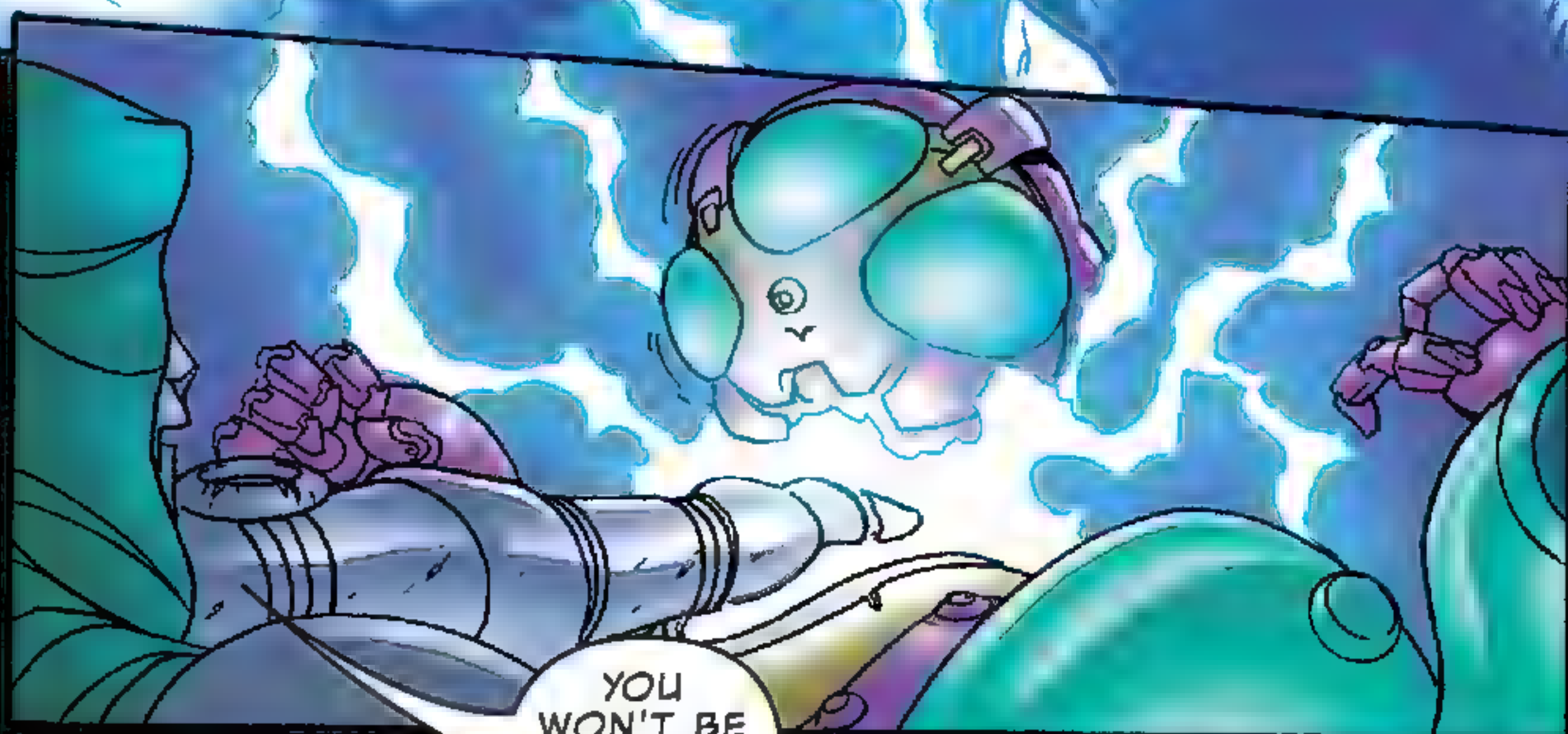
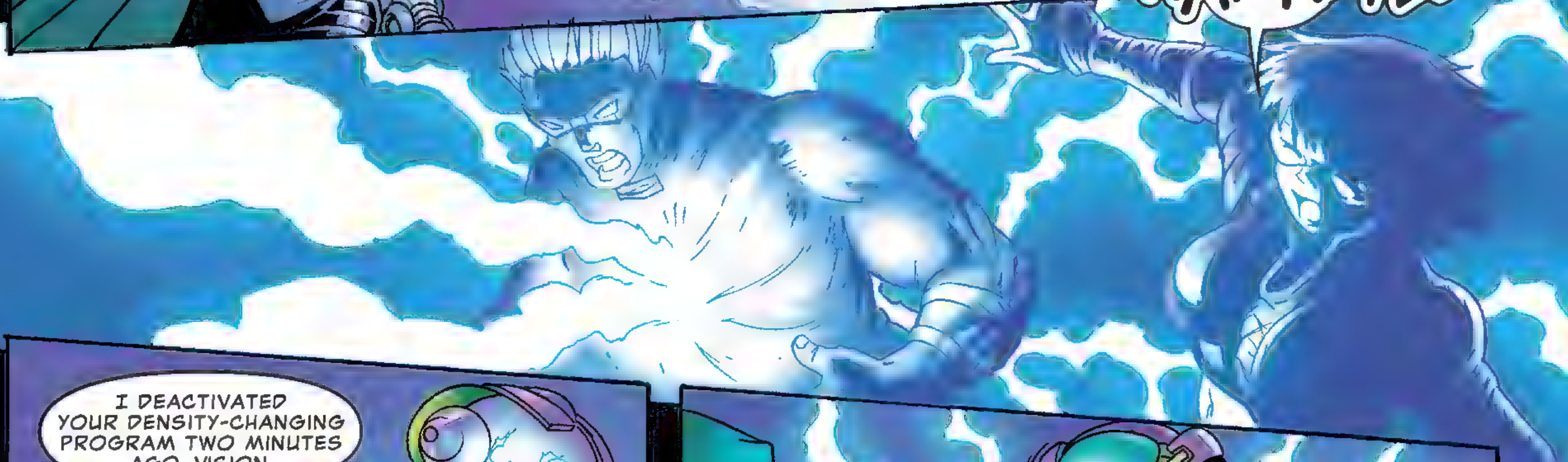


"OH, MY LORD..."

I DON'T SUPPOSE WE COULD TALK ABOUT THIS?



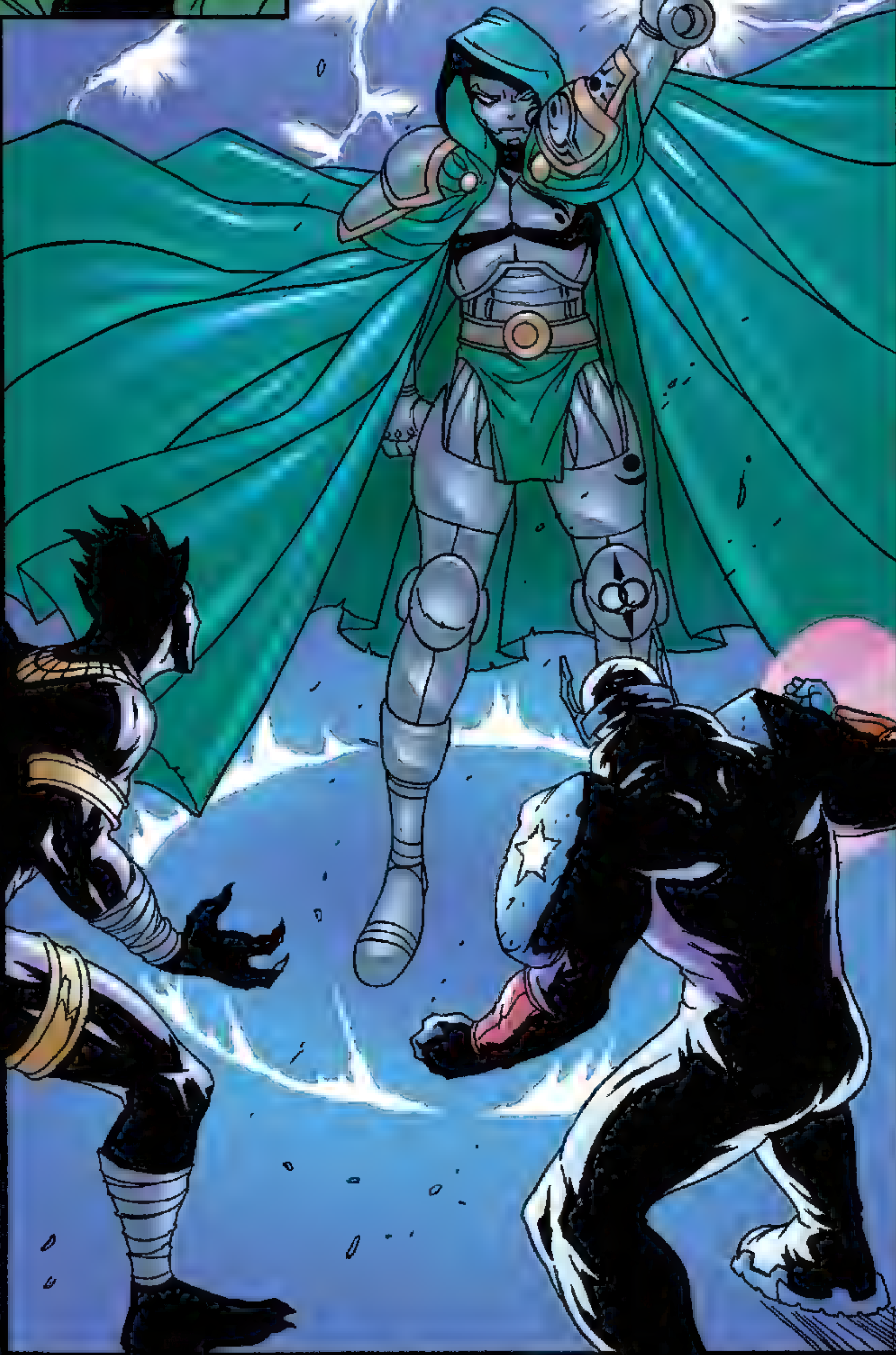
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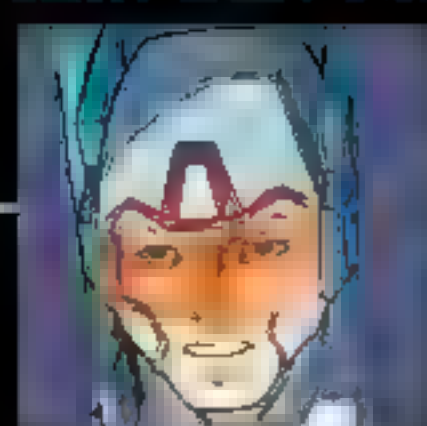
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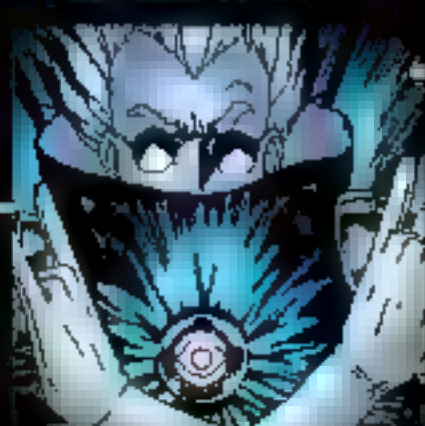




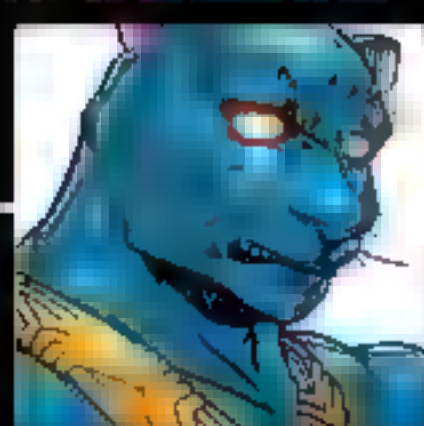




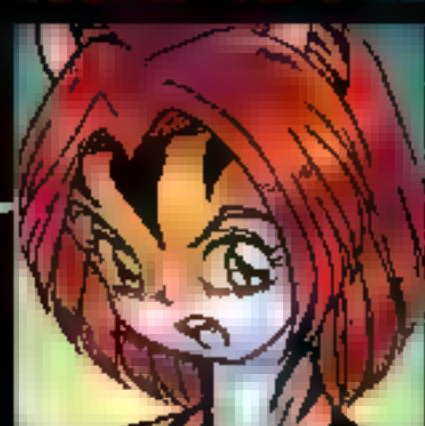
CAPTAIN AMERICA



DR. STRANGE



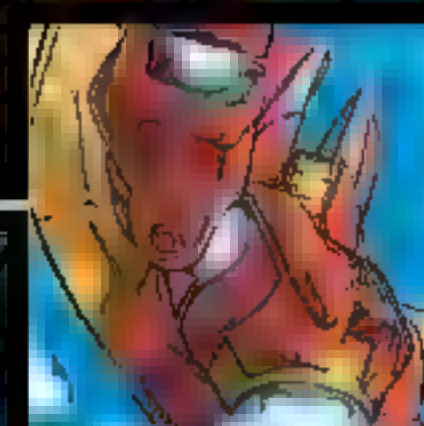
BLACK PANTHER



TIGRA



SCARLET WITCH



THE IRON AVENGER



NICK FURY

PREVIOUSLY IN MANGAVERSE

AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, STEVE ROGERS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ADDRESSED THE ASSEMBLED WORLD LEADERS AND DISCUSSED THE GROWING SHADOW OF EVIL THAT HAS BEEN CAST ACROSS THE EARTH. SUDDENLY, AS IF ON CUE, PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT AS THE BUILDING CAME UNDER ATTACK BY THE MYSTERIOUS LATVERIAN MONARCH KNOWN AS DOOM!

BLACK PANTHER AND CAPTAIN AMERICA RUSHED TO THE UN'S DEFENSE BUT WERE QUICKLY OVERCOME BY DOOM'S POWERFUL TECHNO-MAGICK. DOOM THEN LEFT THE BUILDING TO COMBAT THE THREAT OF THE IRON AVENGER, EASILY DISABLING ITS ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS AND SENDING IT CRASHING INTO LIBERTY ISLAND, DOOM MURDERED HAWKEYE AND THE VISION IN COLD BLOOD. CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE BLACK PANTHER ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SAVE THE SCARLET WITCH FROM SHARING THE FATE OF HER FELLOW AVENGERS. THEN, AS THE WORLD WATCHED, DOOM PUBLICLY EXECUTED CAPTAIN AMERICA AT THE BASE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!

LIBERTY'S DOOM

PART TWO OF THREE

KEVIN GUNSTONE AND BEN DUNN BEN DUNN GUAR EFX

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"COMMANDER FURY,
DID YOU JUST SEE
THAT?!"

I SAW IT,
BUT I DON'T
BELIEVE IT...



"HAWKEYE..."

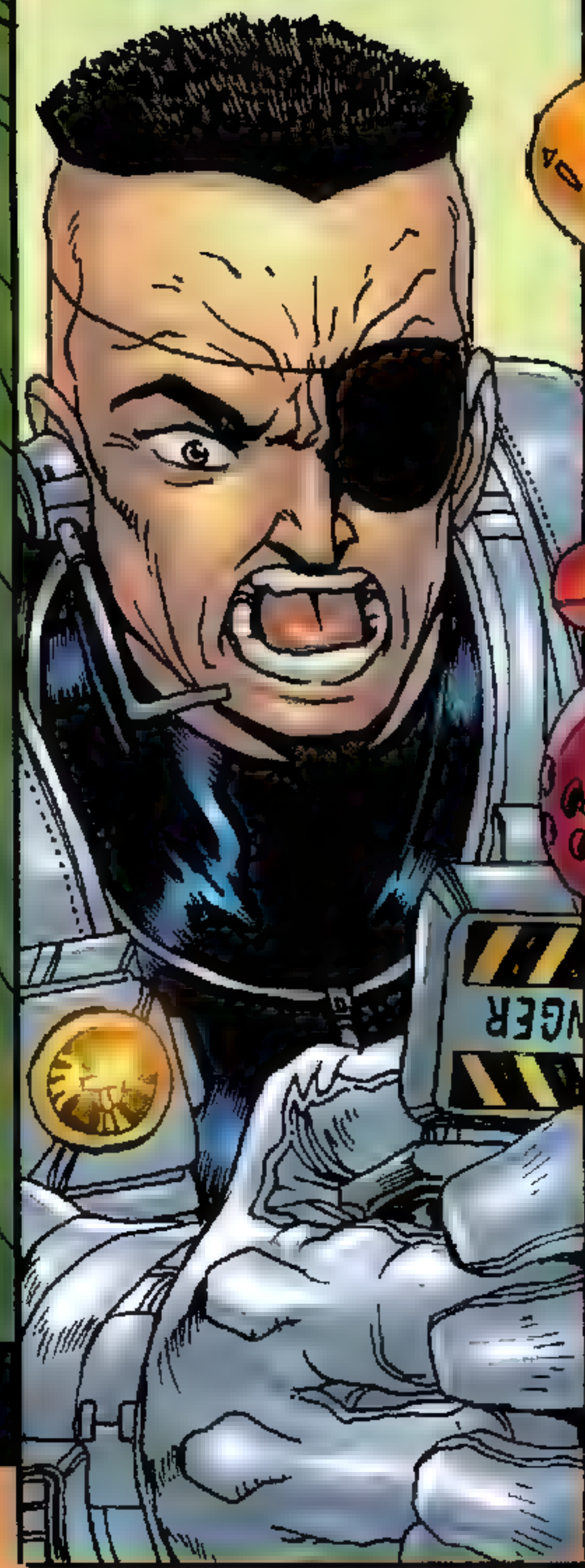
"...THE VISION..."

"...AND CAPTAIN AMERICA..."

"...ALL MURDERED
BY THAT MADMAN
DOOM!"



WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU FLYBOYS
WAITING FOR?
GET
AFTER
HIM!

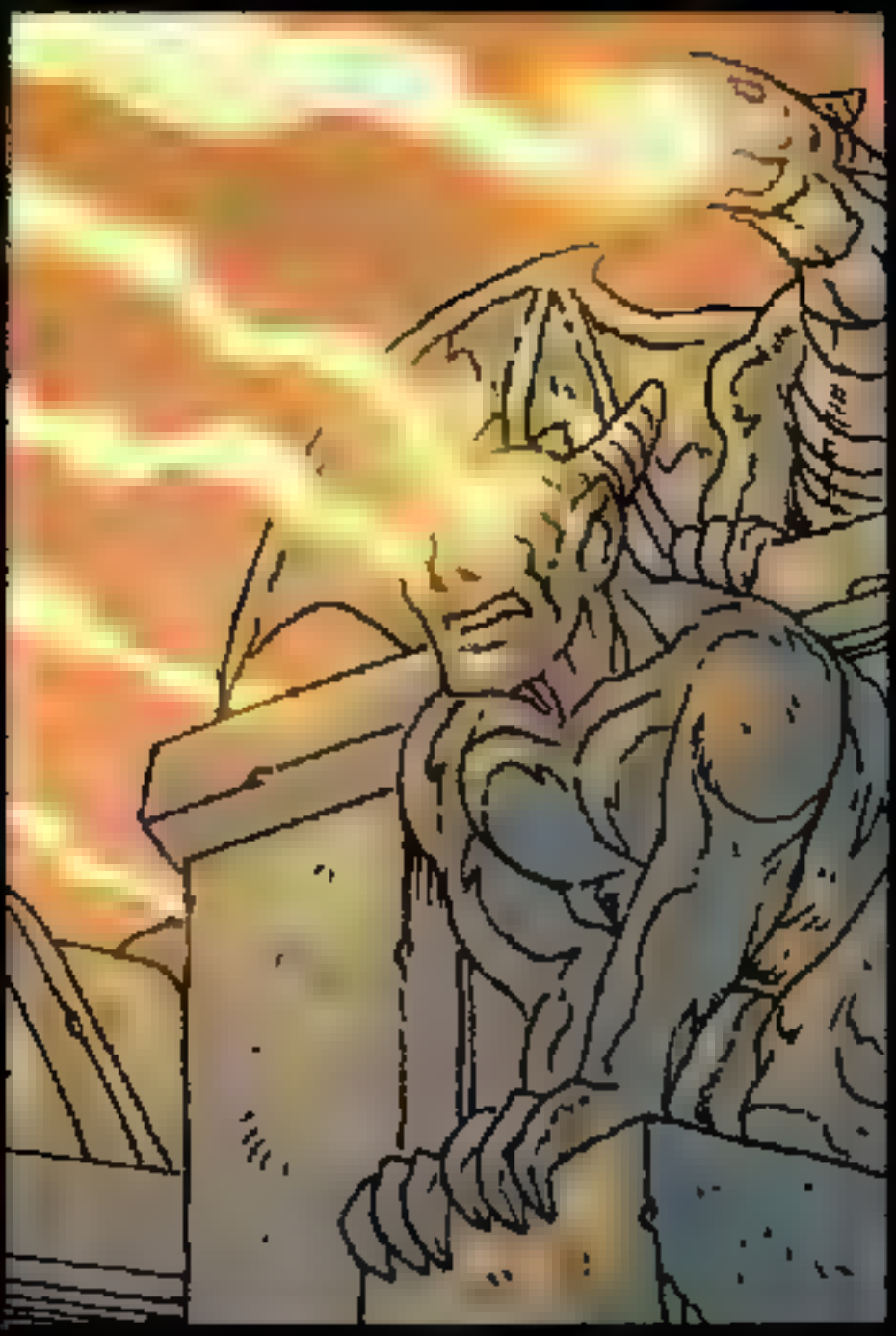
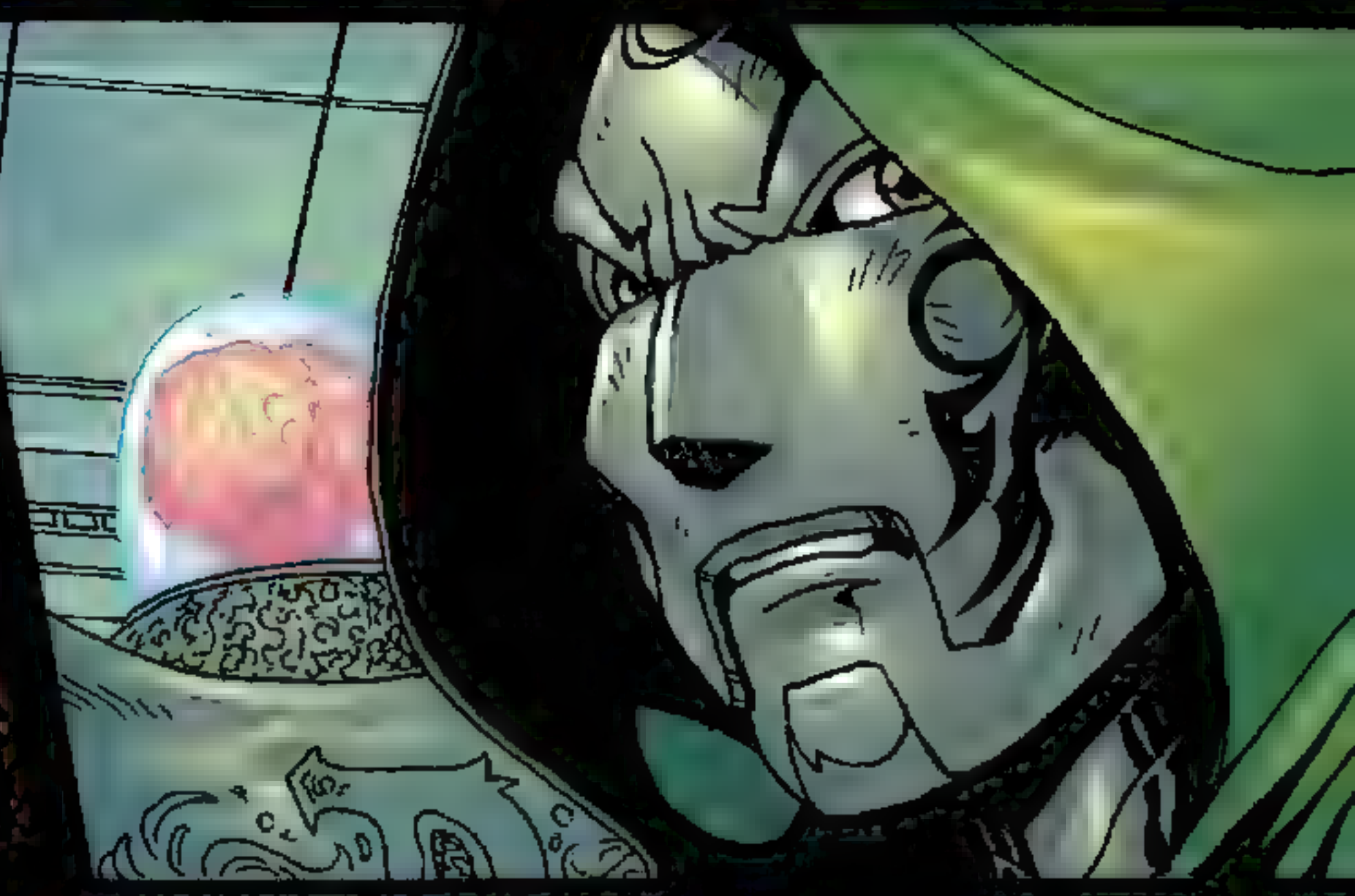
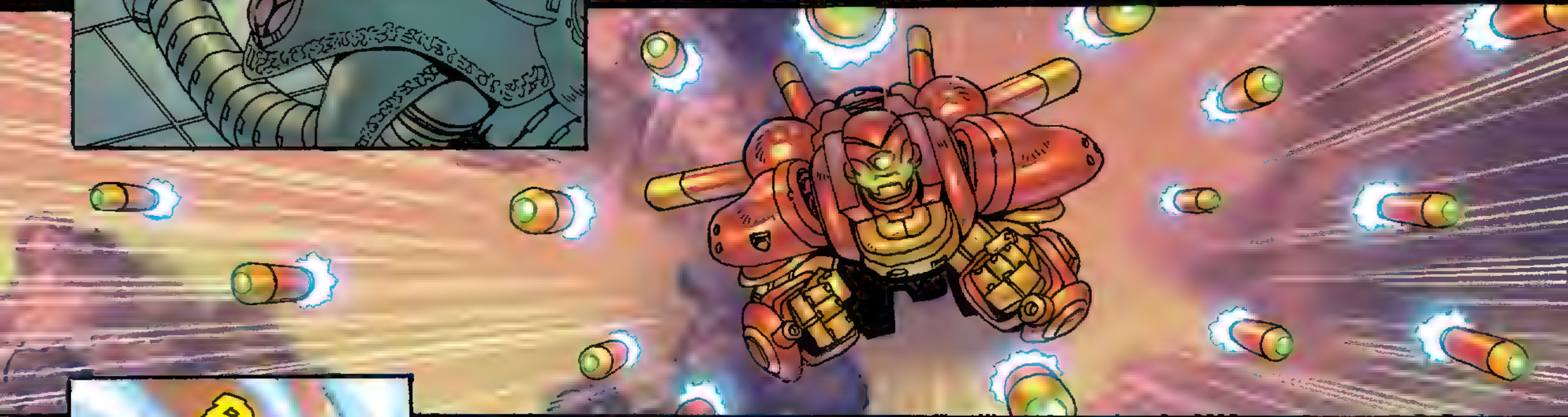
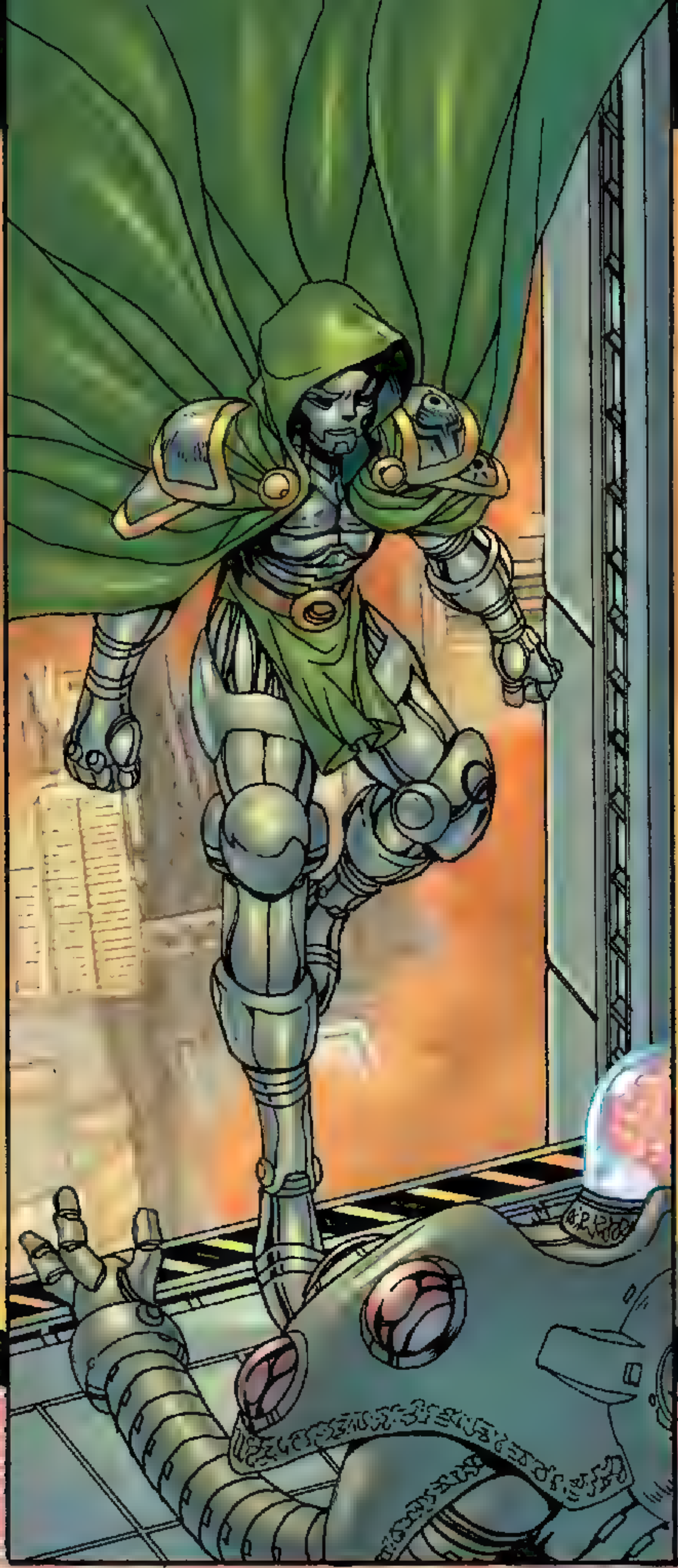


WANDA,
DOOM WILL
NOT BE ALLOWED
TO GET AWAY
WITH THIS
ATROCITY!

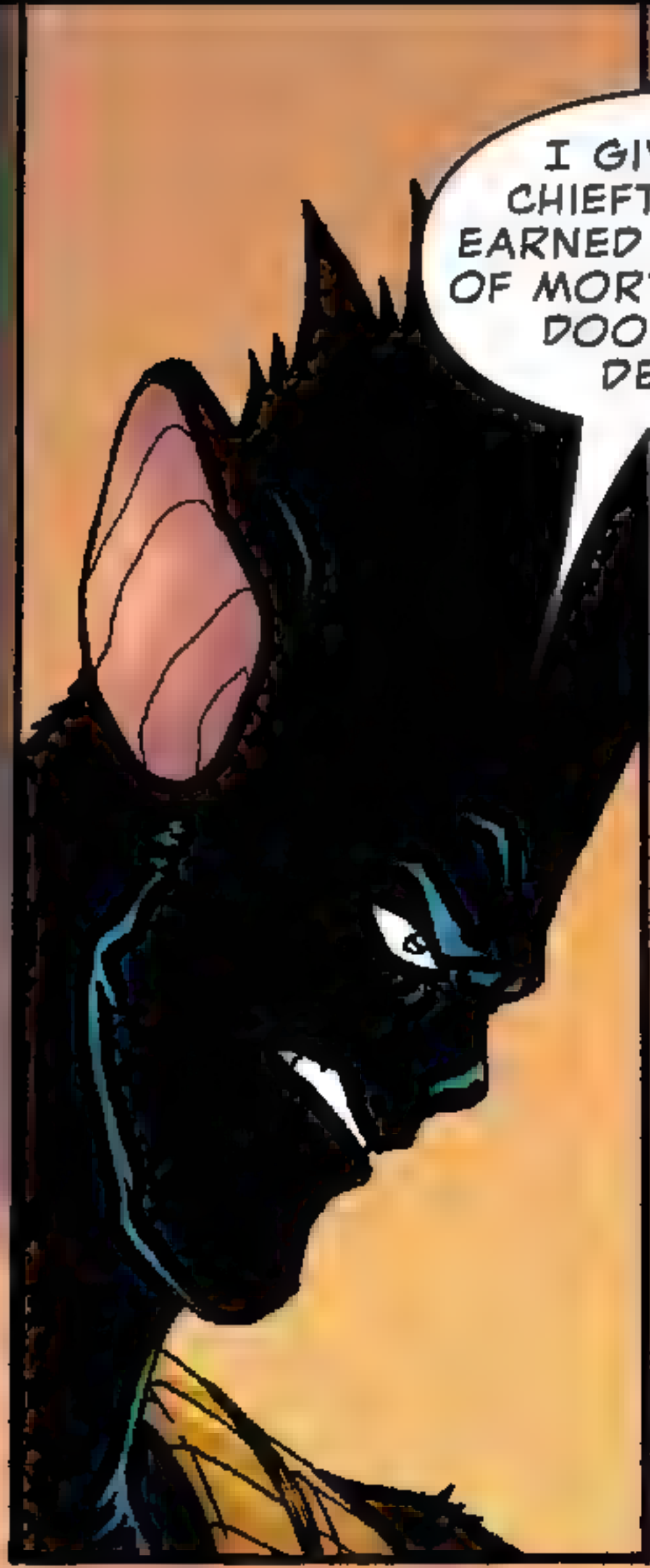


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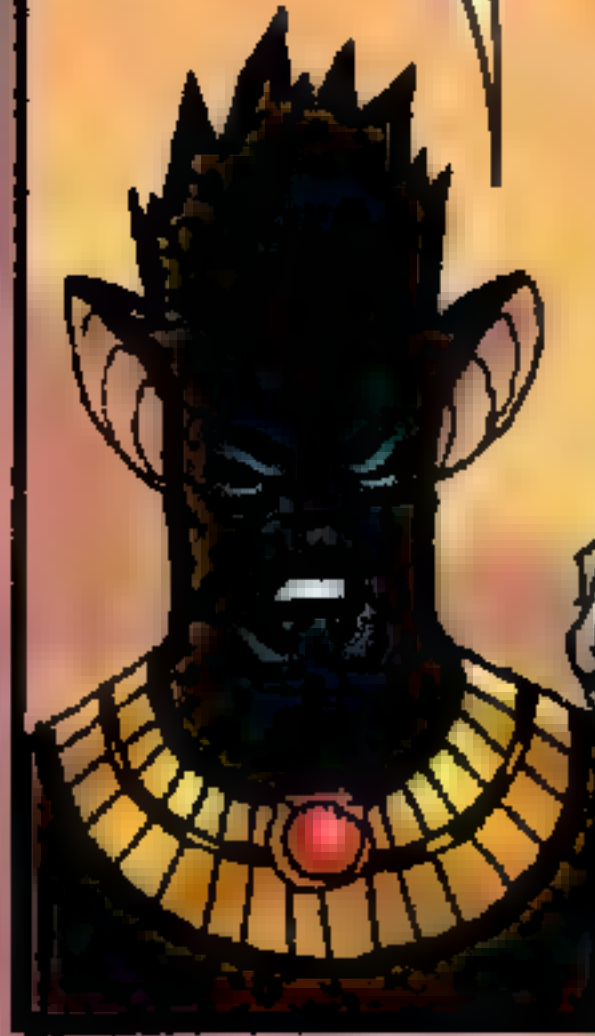


I GIVE YOU MY CHIEFTAIN'S VOW, EARNED IN THE ARENA OF MORTAL COMBAT-- DOOM WILL BE DEFEATED.



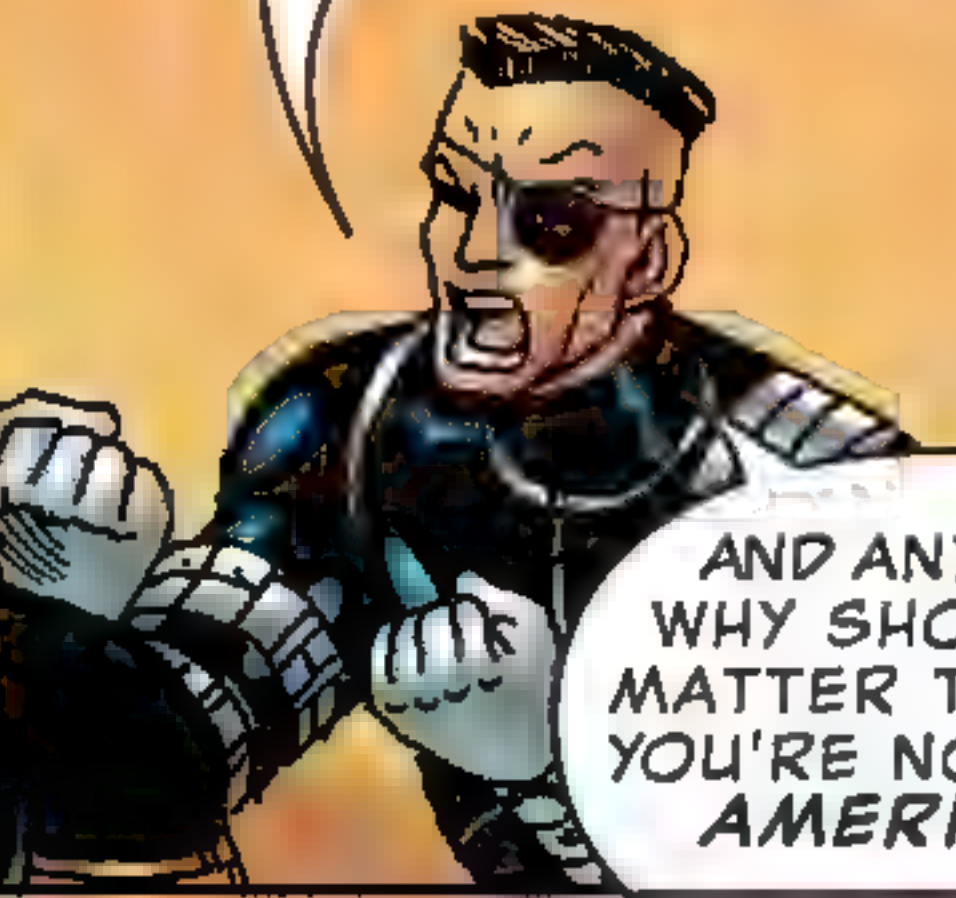
OH, YEAH? AND HOW IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN? NOW DOOM'S GOT SOME CRAZY CASTLE HOVERING OVER MANHATTAN WITH AN ENERGY BARRIER PROTECTING IT.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO ATTACK THAT WITH MILLIONS OF PEOPLE BENEATH IT?



I WILL FIND A WAY...

WELL, IF THE POWDERPUFF PERFORMANCE YOU PUT ON AT THE U.N. IS ANYTHING TO GO BY, WE MAY AS WELL RUN UP THE WHITE FLAG NOW!



AND ANYWAY, WHY SHOULD IT MATTER TO YOU? YOU'RE NOT EVEN AMERICAN!



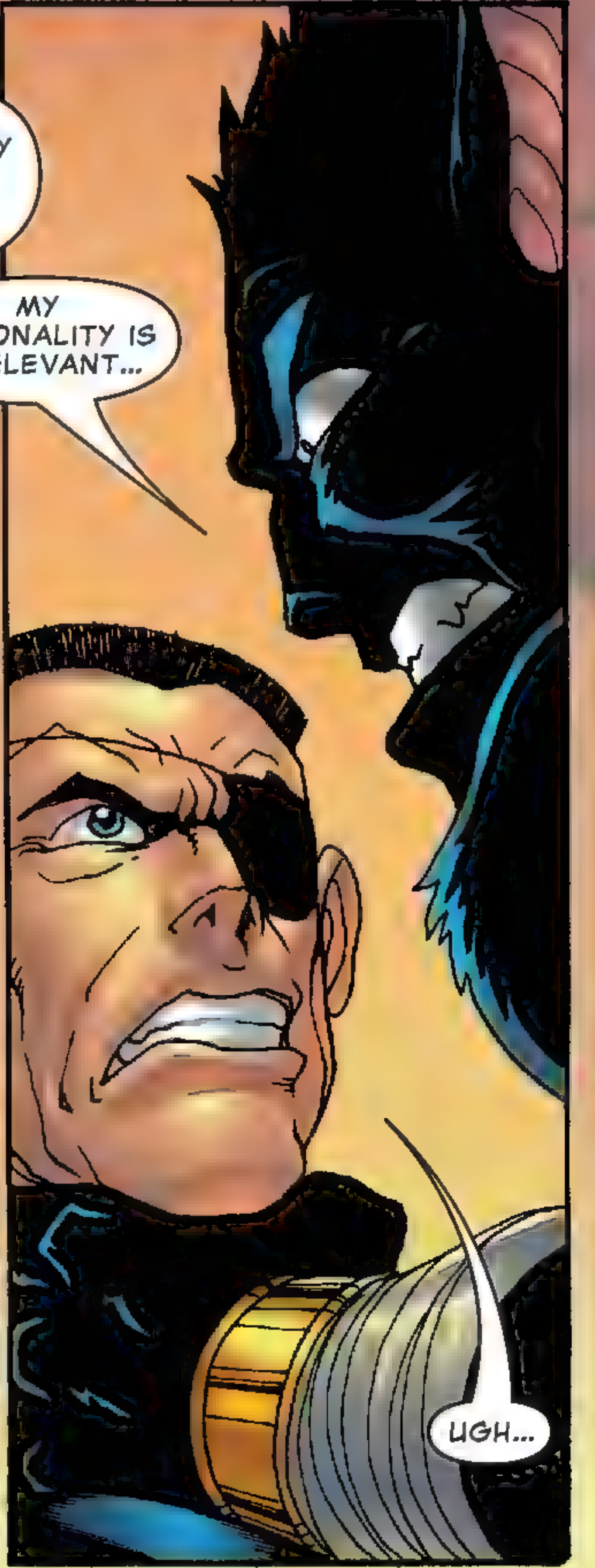
HOW DARE YOU INSULT MY INTEGRITY OR MY FRIENDSHIP WITH STEVE ROGERS!



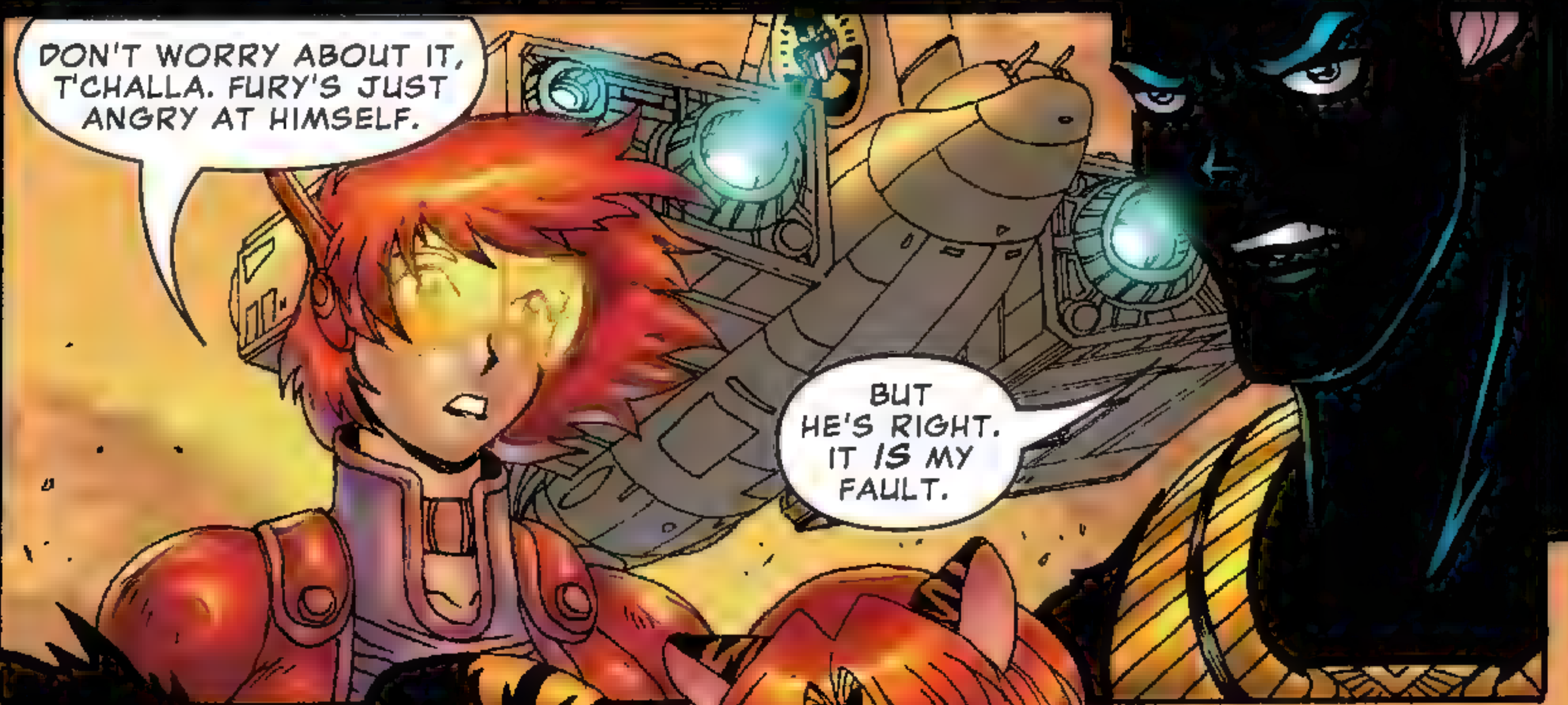
PANTHER, NO!

PANTHER, I'VE BARELY STARTED INSULTING YOU.

MY NATIONALITY IS IRRELEVANT...



UGH...







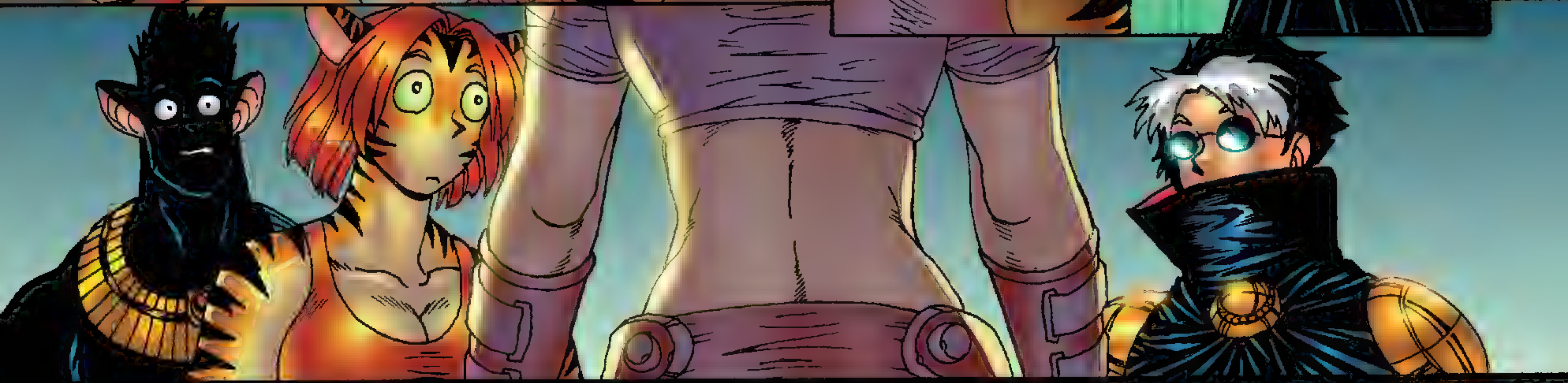
YOUR AURA
MAKES YOUR
PAIN ONLY TOO
APPARENT TO
ME.

YOU HAVE,
OF COURSE,
MY DEEPEST
SYMPATHY.

SYMPATHY?!
THAT'S AWFULLY
BIGHEARTED OF
YOU, DOC. SHE JUST
SAW THREE OF HER
CLOSEST FRIENDS
BUTCHERED!

LISTEN,
ALL OF
YOU--

--I DON'T
WANT YOUR
SYMPATHY OR
YOUR PITY!!



I'M
SORRY, I'M
SURE WE NEVER
MEANT...

AND DON'T
APOLOGIZE!



NONE OF US
HAVE ENCOUNTERED
ANYTHING LIKE DOOM
BEFORE. I KEEP ASKING
MYSELF--WHAT GOES ON
IN THE MINDS OF THESE
SICK, TWISTED
PEOPLE?



WHERE
DID SUCH
RAGE AND
HATRED
COME
FROM?



IN ALL THE TIME THE
AVENGERS WERE TOGETHER
WE NEVER PURPOSELY SET
OUT TO KILL ANYONE.

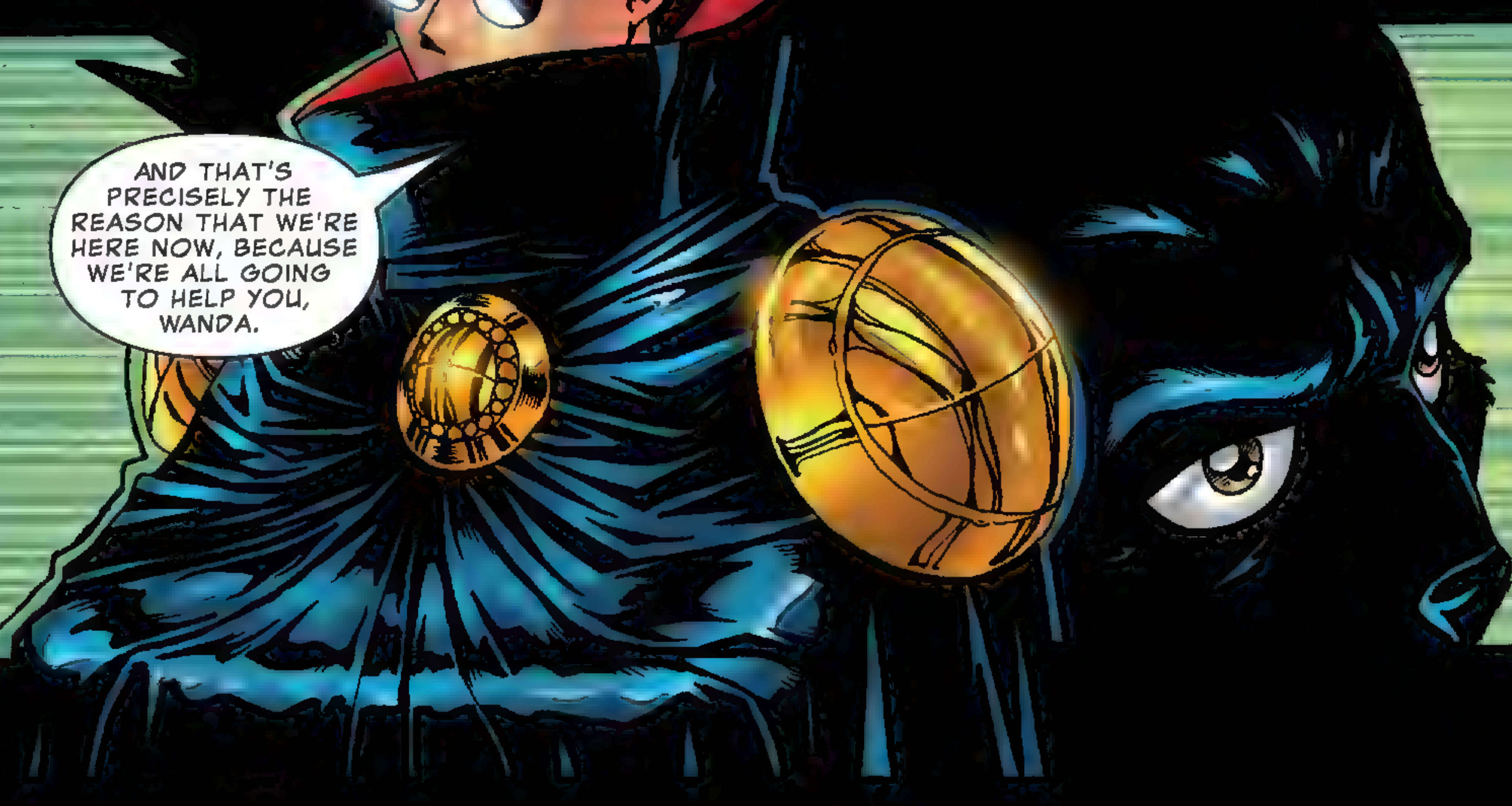
YOU
WERE RIGHT
IN DOING
SO.

NO, WE
WEREN'T!



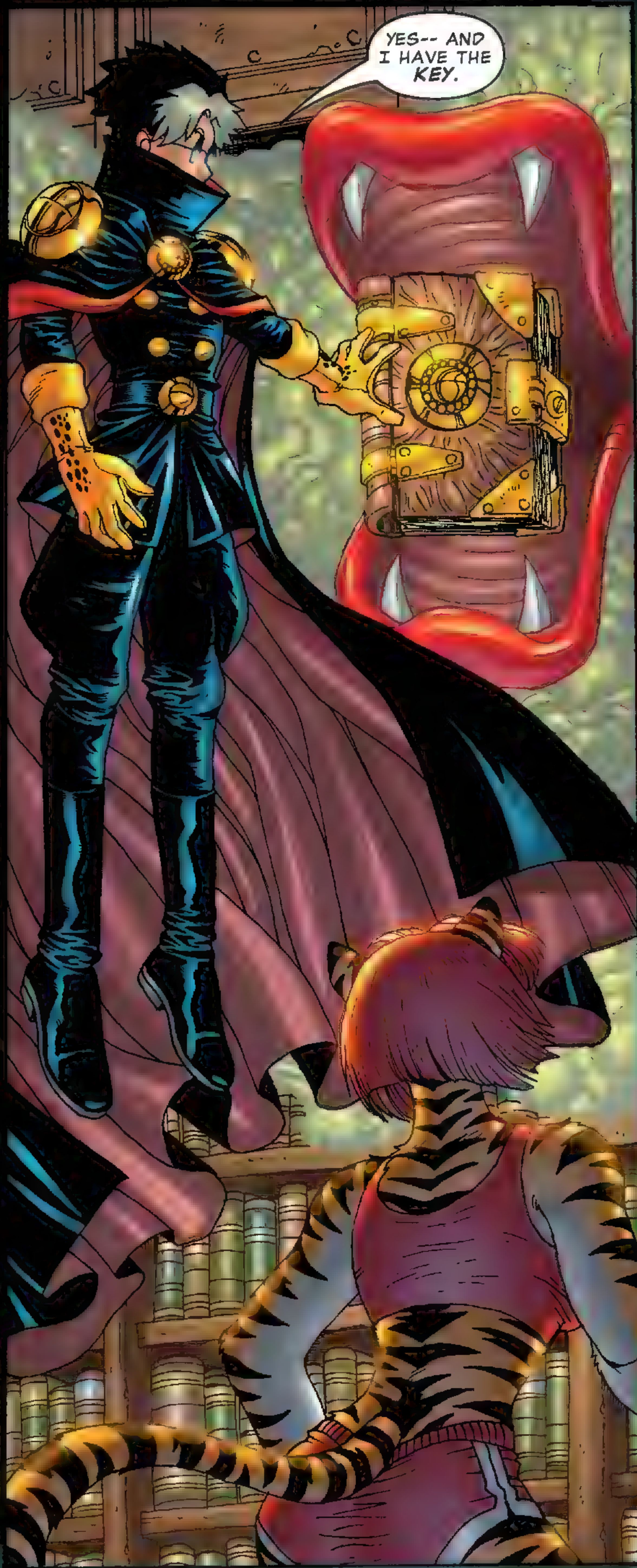
CAP
ALWAYS TOLD
US THAT WE WERE
TOO INNOCENT--
AND IF IT WASN'T FOR
HIM, I'D ALREADY
BE DEAD.

HE SACRIFICED
HIMSELF AND I WILL
PERSONALLY SEE
TO IT THAT DOOM'S
LIFE IS TAKEN IN
REVENGE.



AND THAT'S
PRECISELY THE
REASON THAT WE'RE
HERE NOW, BECAUSE
WE'RE ALL GOING
TO HELP YOU,
WANDA.

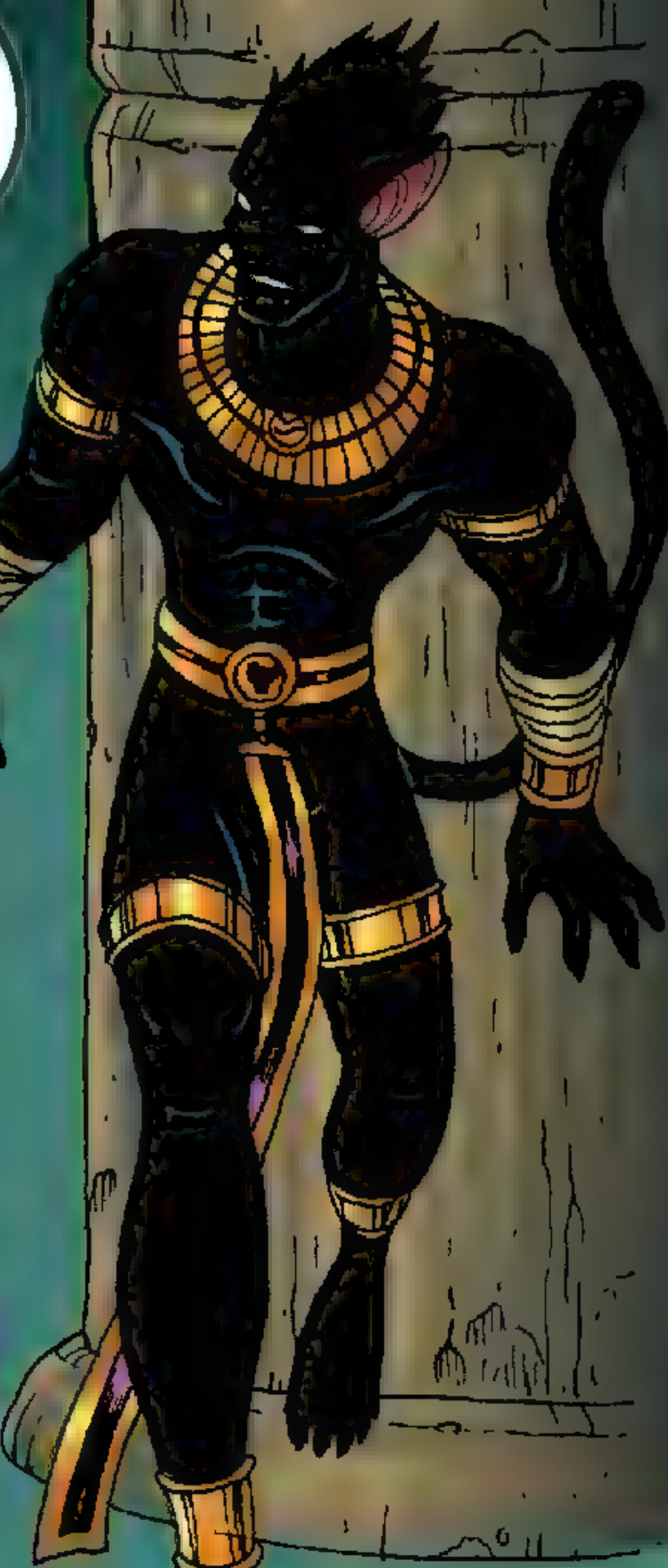
STRANGE,
DO YOU HAVE
ANY **IDEA**
WHAT WE'RE UP
AGAINST?



YES-- AND
I HAVE THE
KEY.

THIS IS THE LAST
BOOK OF THE VISHANTI.
INSIDE ARE THE SPELLS
AND INCANTATIONS NEEDED
TO HALT DOOM'S ABUSE
OF THE DARK FORCES
OF TECHNO-
MAGICK.

WHEREAS IN THE
PAST, MANY HAVE
WORSHIPPED THESE DARK
GODS AS SERVANTS, DOOM
IS DIFFERENT, HARBORING
AMBITIONS TO BECOME
THEIR MASTER.



WE MUST
USE THIS BOOK
TO PREPARE
OURSELVES.



THEN
WHAT ARE
WE WAITING
FOR?

UH,
DOC?

"WHERE DID T'CHALLA
DISAPPEAR TO?"

GREAT
QAMADA, GUARDIAN
SPIRIT, HEAR YOUR
SERVANT'S PLEA. ALLOW
ME TO SHED THE
NOBLE FORM OF THE
PANTHER...

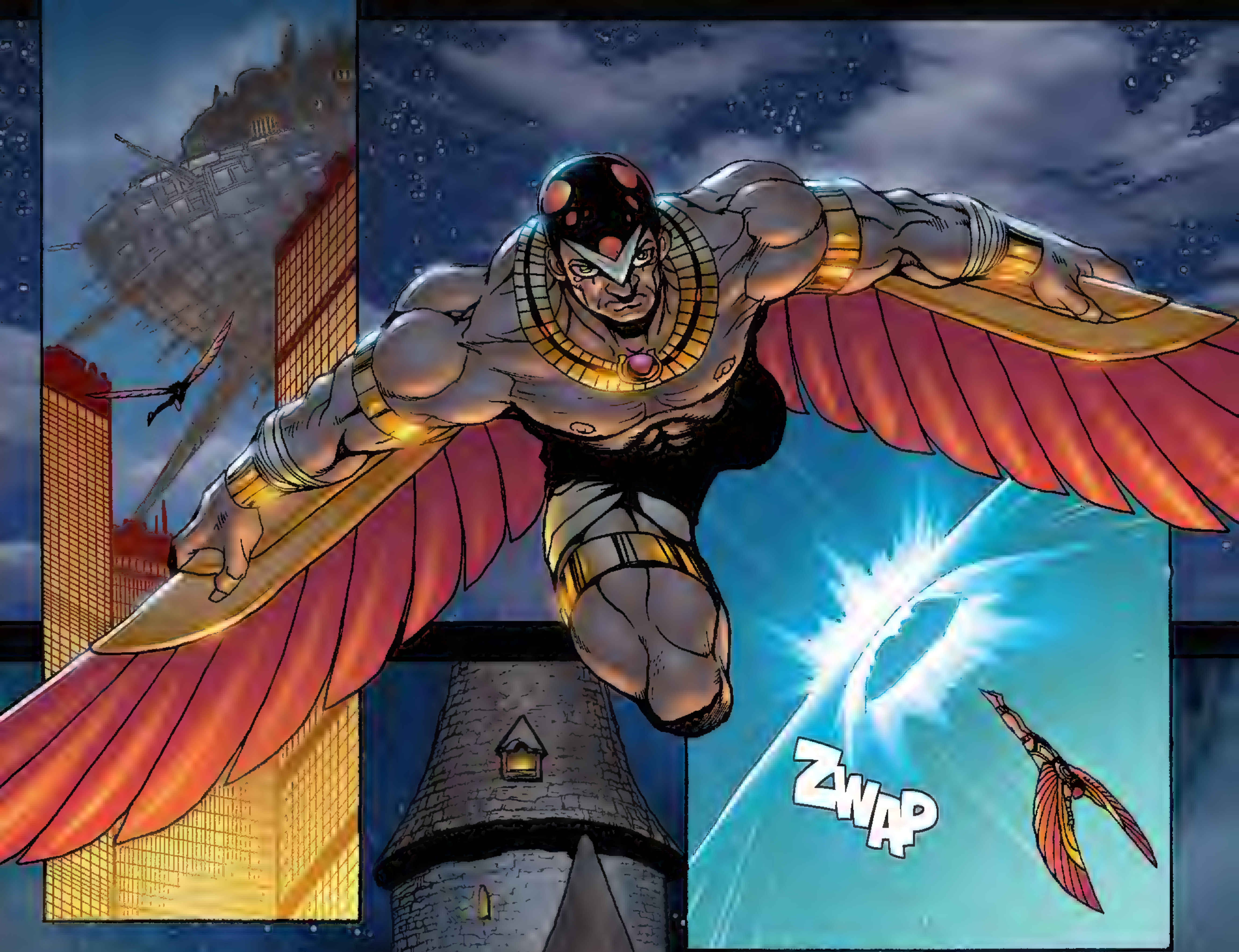
...AND
ASSUME THE
GUISE...

...OF THE
FALCON!

KRAK!

FWAP!







STATUS REPORT?



PRERECORDED
MESSAGES HAVE BEEN
TRANSMITTED TO ALL WORLD
AND ORGANIZATIONAL
LEADERS.

ANY
RESPONSE?

ONE.
THE OTHERS
HAVE SIX HOURS
TO RESPOND.



THEN THE
DEATH OF CAPTAIN
AMERICA SHOULD
GIVE THEM THE
NECESSARY
NUDGE.

REACTION?

TOTAL NEWS
BLACKOUTS ACROSS THE
U.S., MINIMAL REPORTING
IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
WORLD.



EXCELLENT.



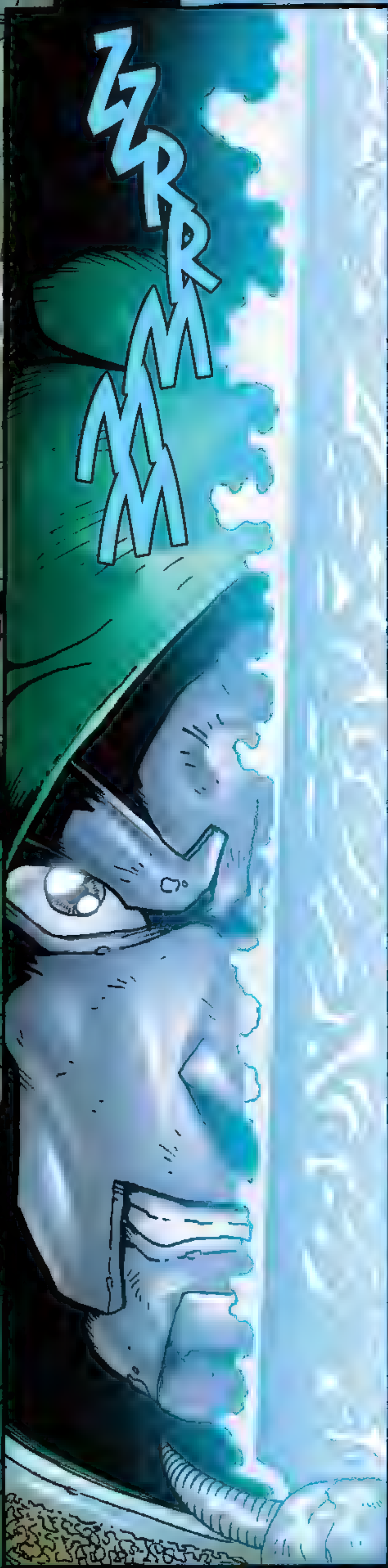
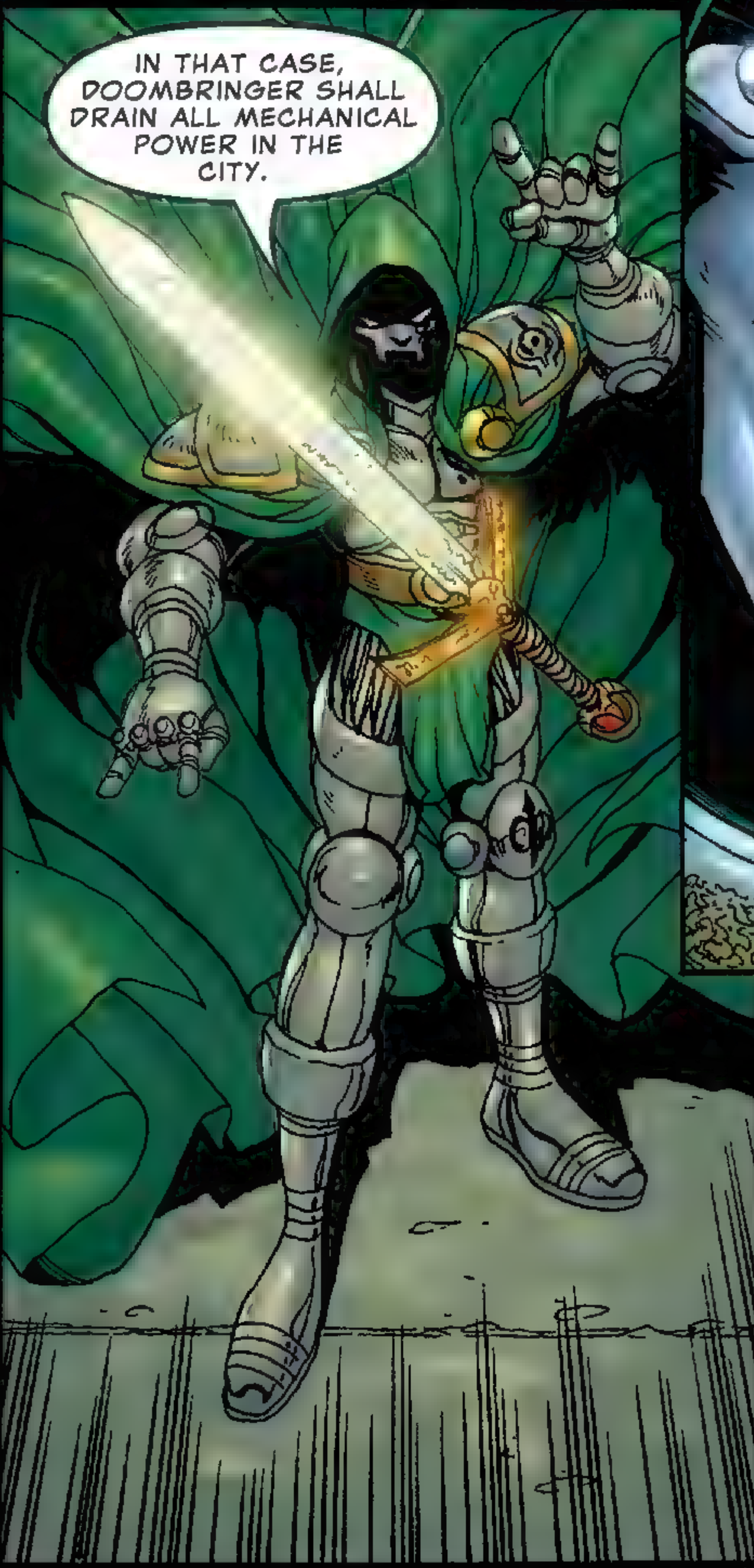
PANTHER,
YOU CAN COME
OUT OF HIDING
NOW.



I WONDERED
HOW LONG IT WOULD
TAKE FOR YOU TO
ARRIVE.

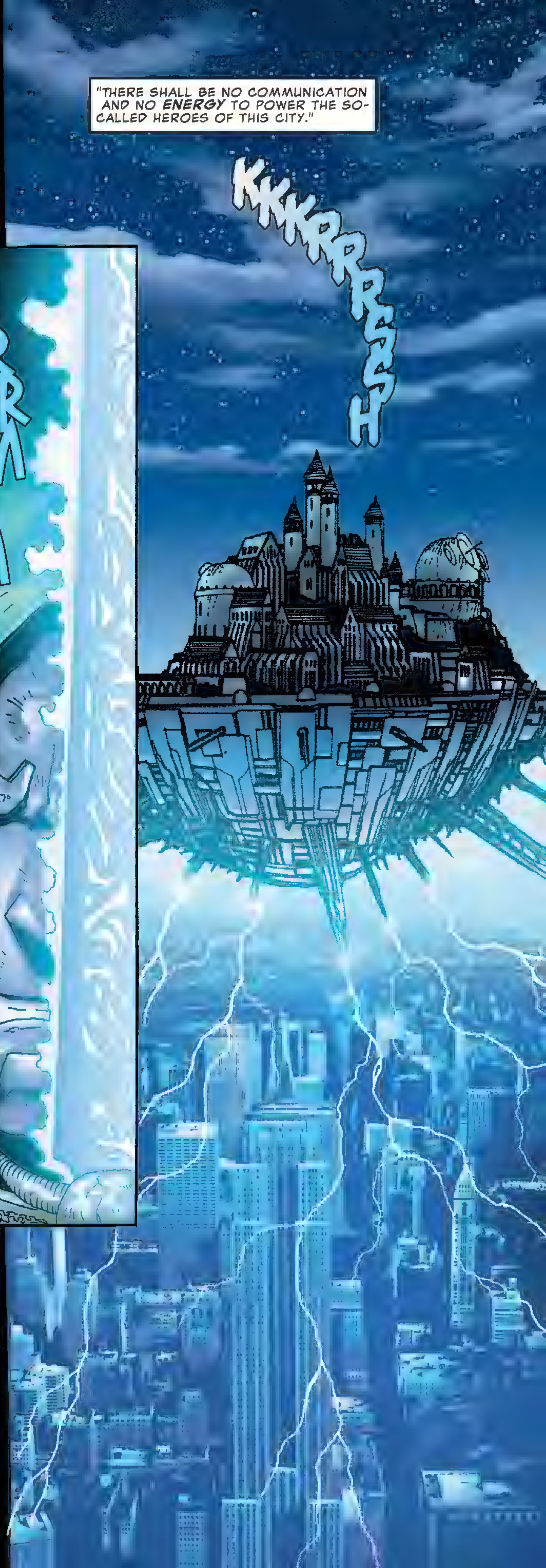


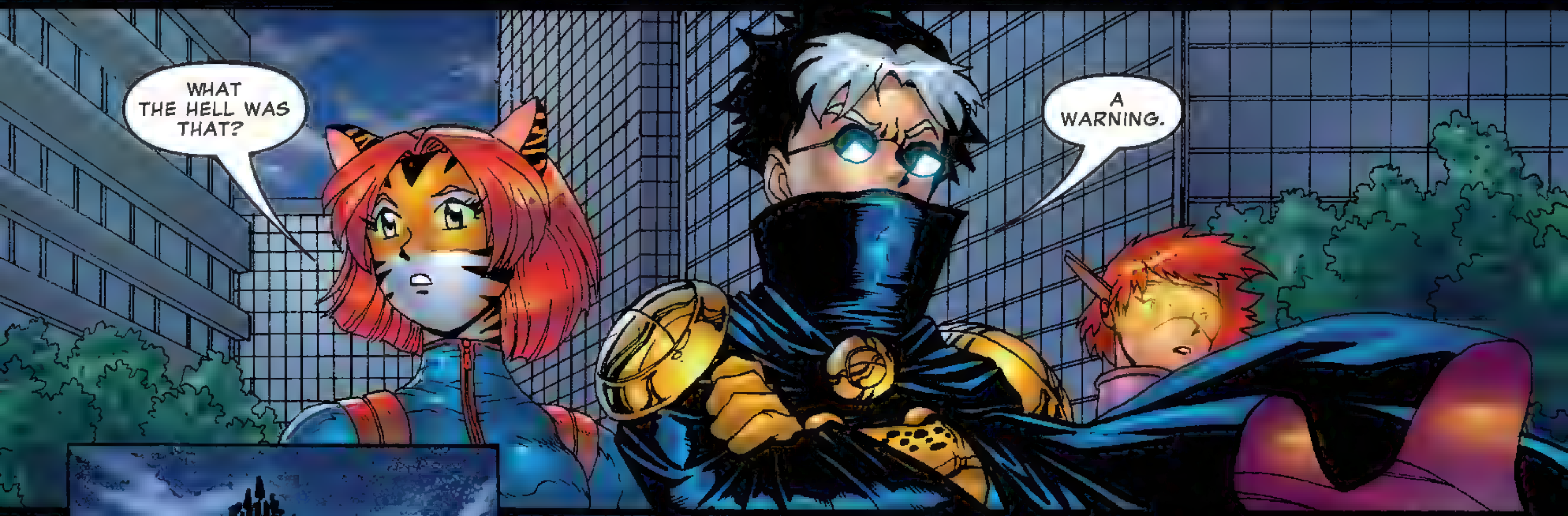
WE ARE
INTERCEPTING A REQUEST
FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. THEY ARE
IN COMMUNICATION WITH DR. REED
RICHARDS ON THE SURFACE OF
GALACTUS REQUESTING HIS
ASSISTANCE.



"THERE SHALL BE NO COMMUNICATION
AND NO **ENERGY** TO POWER THE SO-
CALLED HEROES OF THIS CITY."

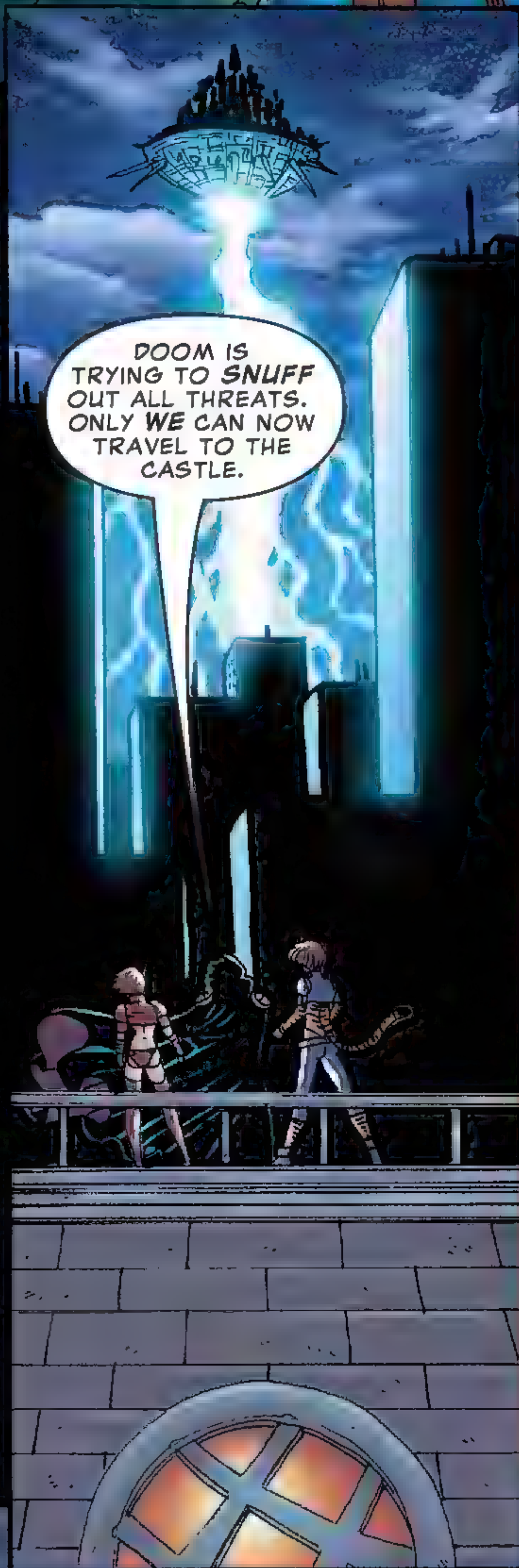
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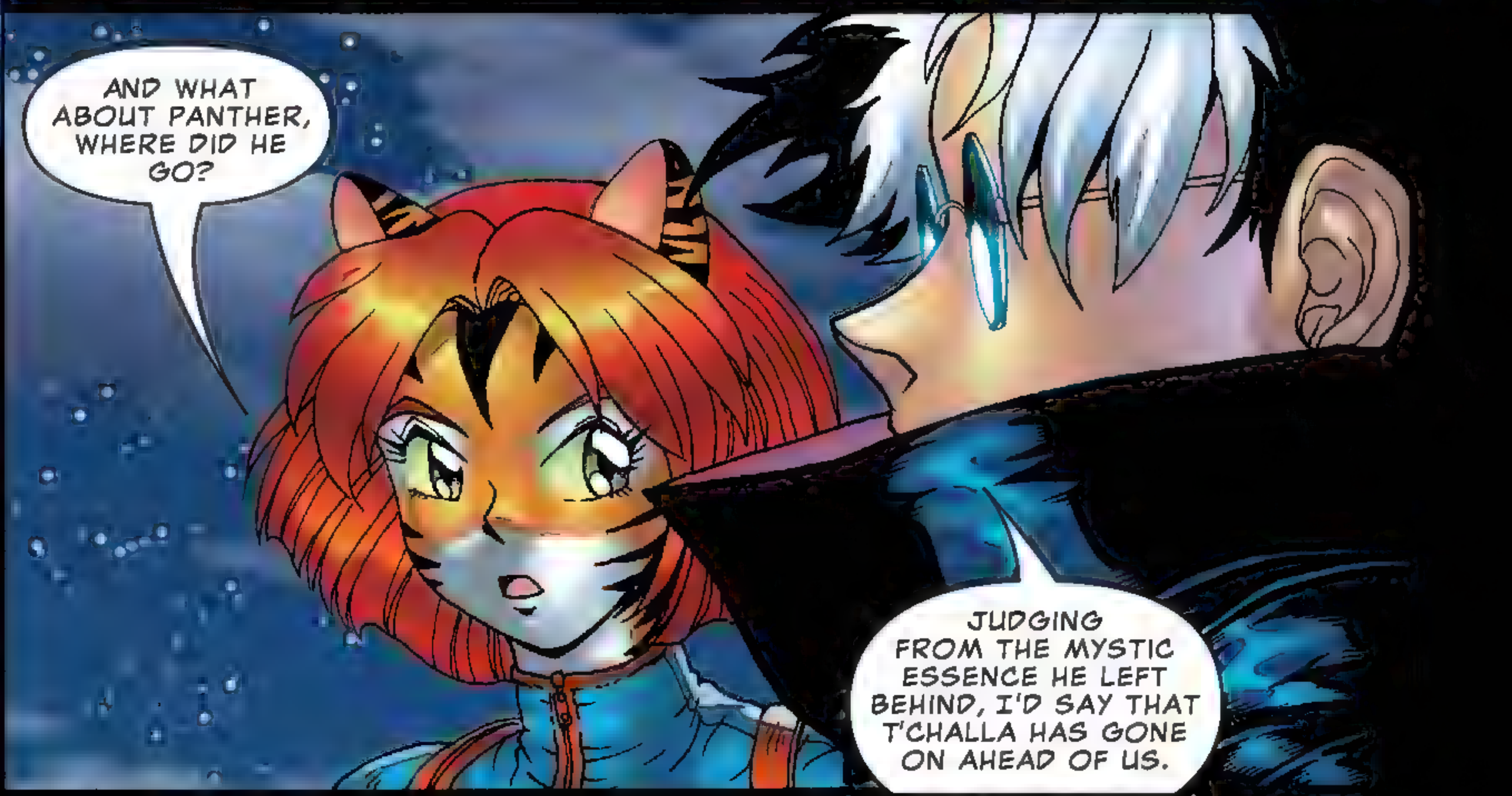


WHAT
THE HELL WAS
THAT?

A
WARNING.



DOOM IS
TRYING TO **SNUFF**
OUT ALL THREATS.
ONLY **WE** CAN NOW
TRAVEL TO THE
CASTLE.



AND WHAT
ABOUT PANTHER,
WHERE DID HE
GO?

JUDGING
FROM THE MYSTIC
ESSENCE HE LEFT
BEHIND, I'D SAY THAT
T'CHALLA HAS GONE
ON AHEAD OF US.



BUT
WHY?

COULDN'T
HE AT LEAST WAIT
FOR ME?

I BELIEVE
HE HAD SOME
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS TO
TAKE CARE
OF.



I SENSE A DARK
FORCE BUILDING IN THE
PSYCHIC REALM.

IT COULD USHER
IN A DARK AGE THE LIKE OF
WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SEEN ON
EARTH FOR THOUSANDS
OF YEARS.



WANDA, YOU HAVE THE ELEMENTAL POWERS THAT I NEED TO DRAW UPON TO ENSURE DOOM'S DEFEAT.



NO. I WANT YOU ALL TO REMEMBER THAT IF ANYBODY IS GOING TO KILL DOOM...

...IT'S GOING TO BE ME!



VERY WELL.

WHAT ABOUT ME? I WANT TO HELP, BUT I'VE GOT NO MAGICAL POWERS.

AM I SUPPOSED TO JUST TIDY UP THE SANCTUM AND WAIT?



OH NO, TIGRA, YOU'RE COMING AS WELL.

TAKE THIS-- IT IS THE SPEAR OF SHAMBALLAH, AN ANCIENT WEAPON OF THE VISHANTI.

GREAT!

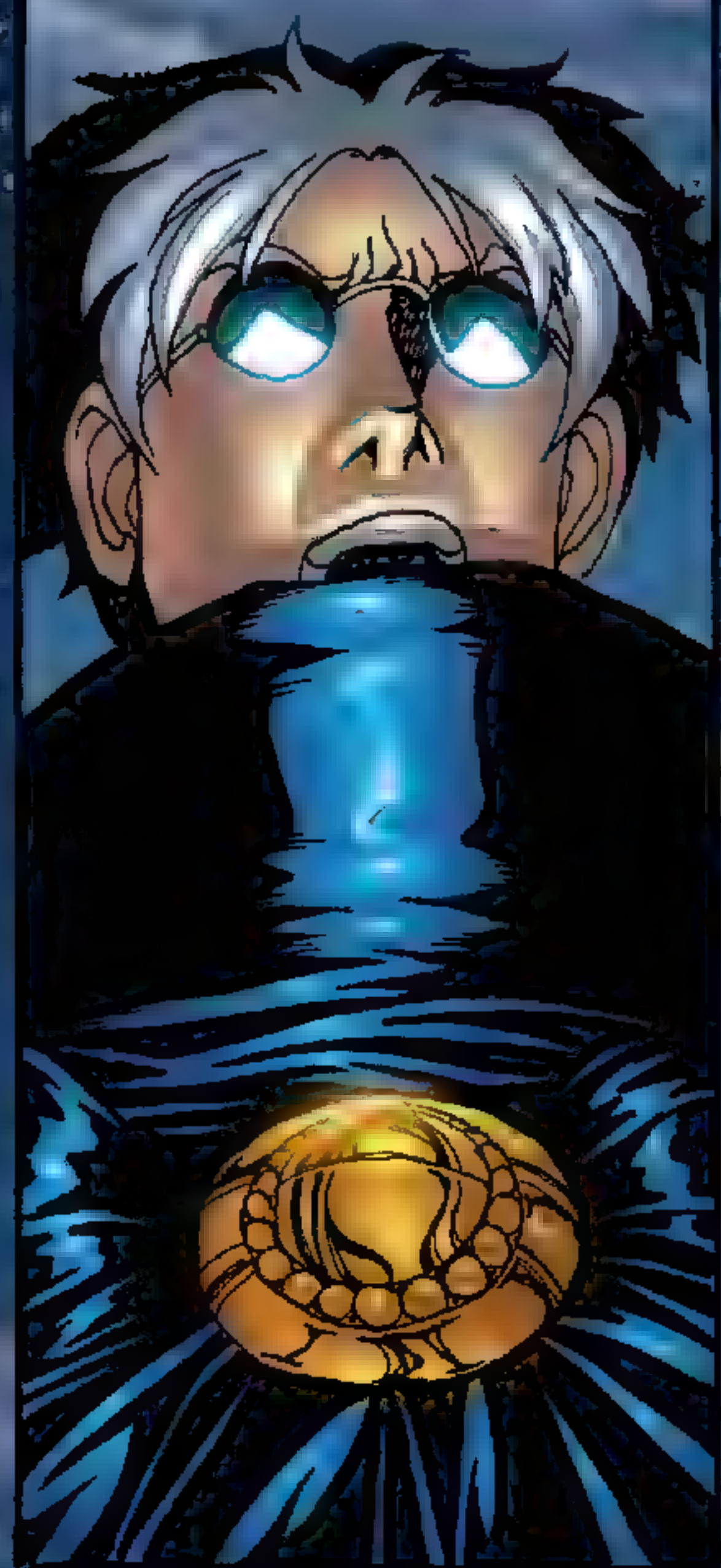


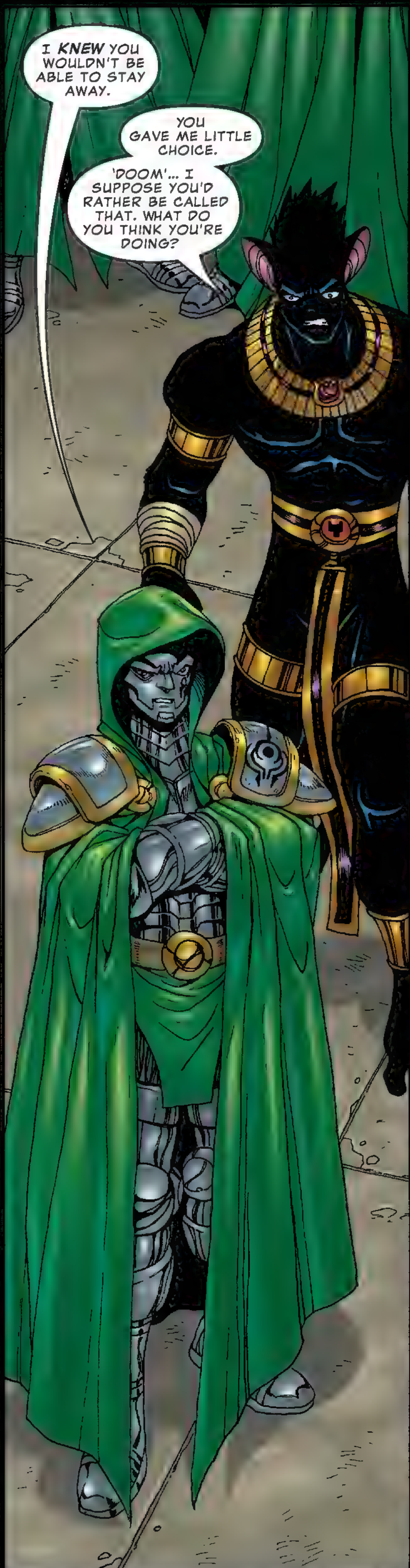
ON THE WINGS OF THE TIMELESS SERAPHIM!

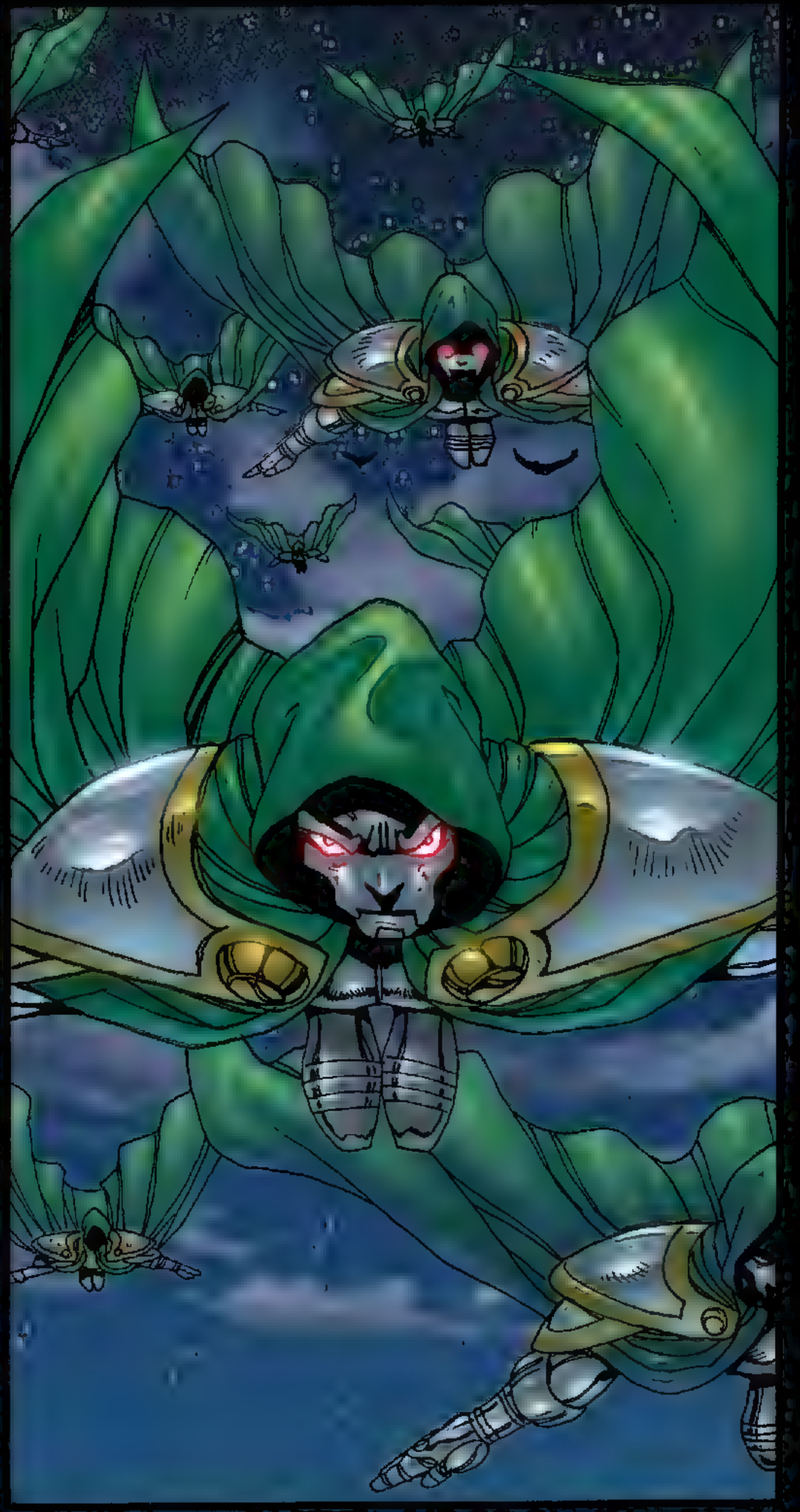
BORN IN THE FLAMES OF THE COSMIC FIRE!

HERE HE GOES AGAIN...

MAY THE
ETERNAL LIGHT OF
THE VISHANTI STEER
OUR WAY!









MAY THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR GUIDE MY HAND!

"YOU'RE MAD! YOU WERE NEVER LIKE THIS BEFORE."



THAT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME.

BEFORE YOU TRIED TO KILL ME.

TO SUCCEED MY FATHER AS THE SHAMANIC CHIEFTAIN OF THE PANTHER CLAN, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ENTER THE TRIAL OF COMBAT.

YOU KNEW IT WAS MY DESTINY.



YOUR DESTINY?
TO LEAVE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR DEAD ON THE ARENA FLOOR?

THE OTHERS WERE WEAK. OUR TRIBE NEEDED ME TO WATCH OVER IT.



AND I'M JUST DOING THE SAME!

THIS WORLD IS WEAK. GALACTUS PROVED THAT. THE EARTH CANNOT DEFEND ITSELF THROUGH ORDINARY MEANS. WHEN THE DOOMBOTS ARE IN PLACE, I SHALL ERECT A MYSTIC BARRIER SAFEGUARDING THE WORLD FROM SIMILAR THREATS.

THE EARTH NEEDS ME TO WATCH OVER IT, TO PROTECT IT. SPEAK TO THE CITIZENS OF LATVERIA. SINCE I ASSUMED POWER THERE, I HAVE BEEN QUITE THE BENEVOLENT RULER.



AFTER ALL, WE ARE BLOOD!

YOU HAVE A SIMPLE CHOICE, T'CHALLA, THE SAME ONE THAT THE FOOLISH CAPTAIN AMERICA DECLINED.

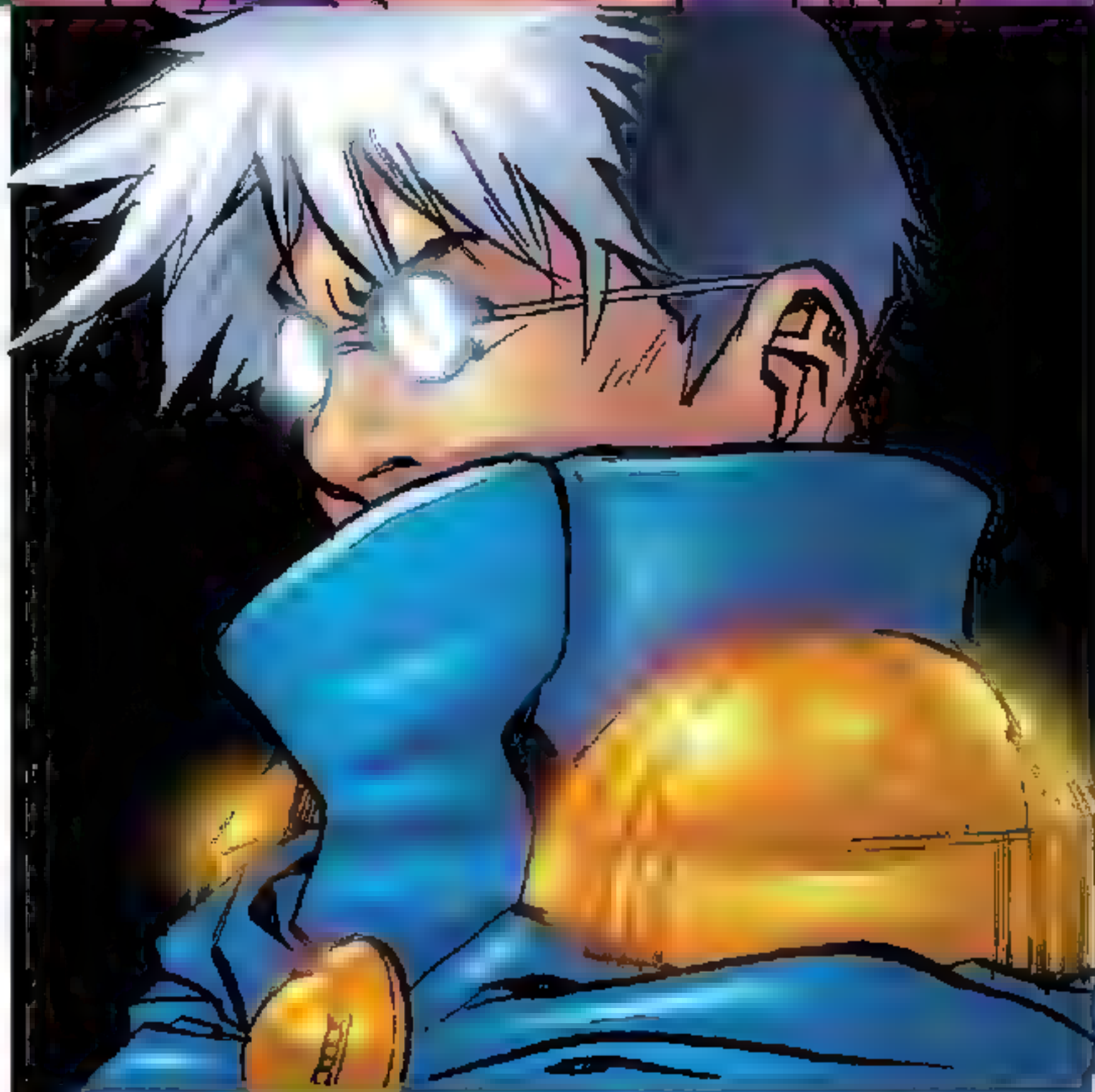
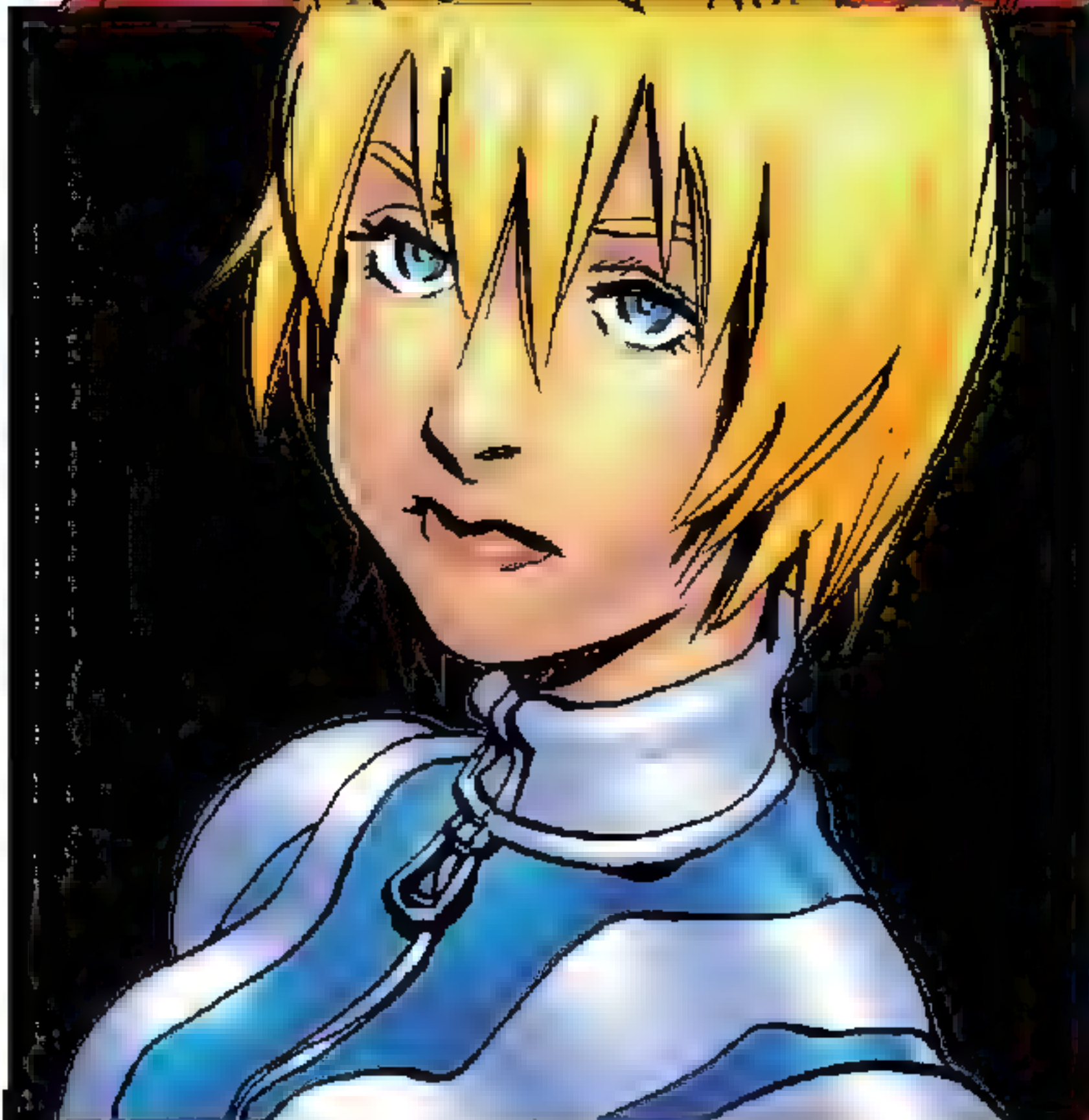
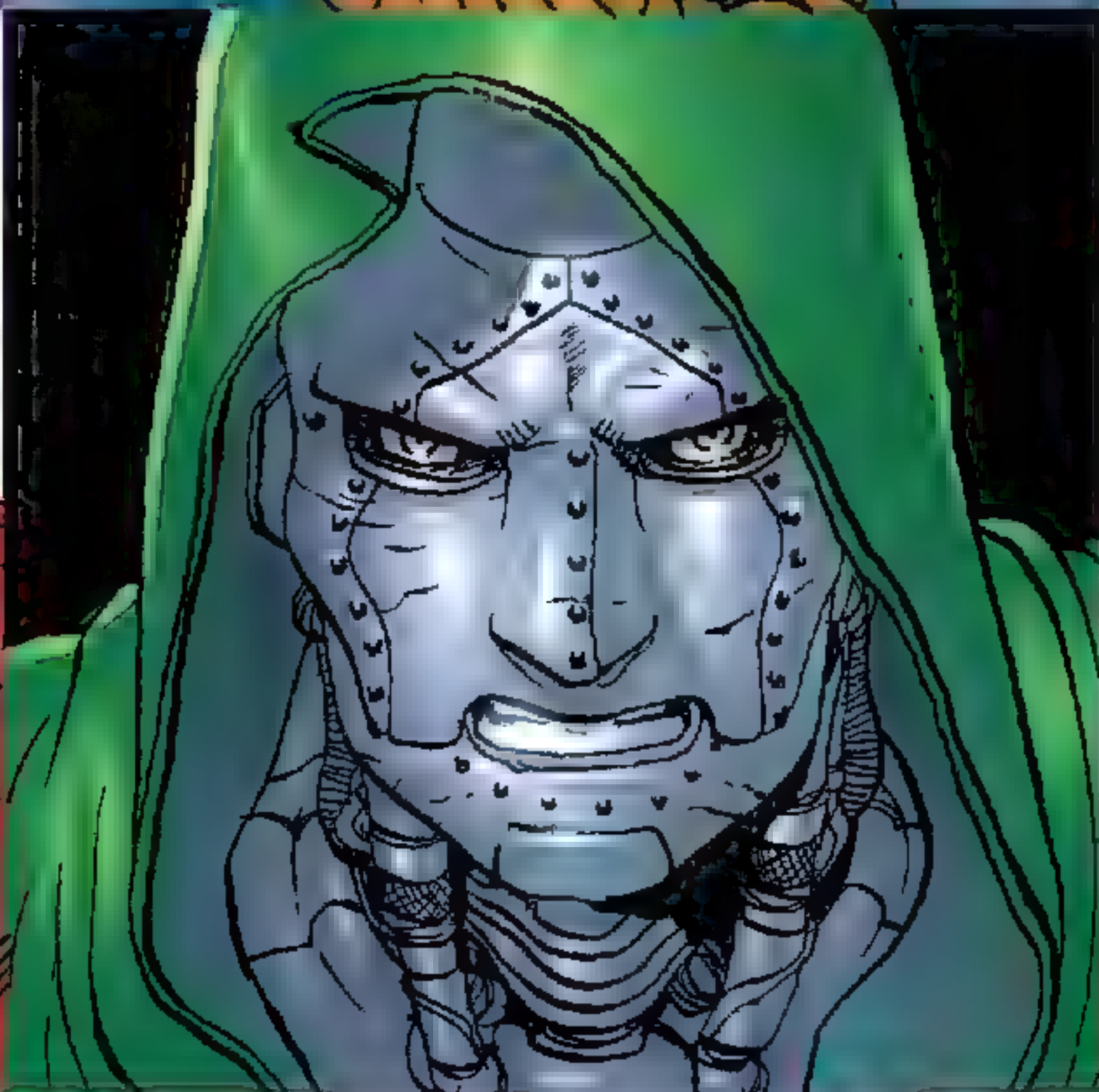
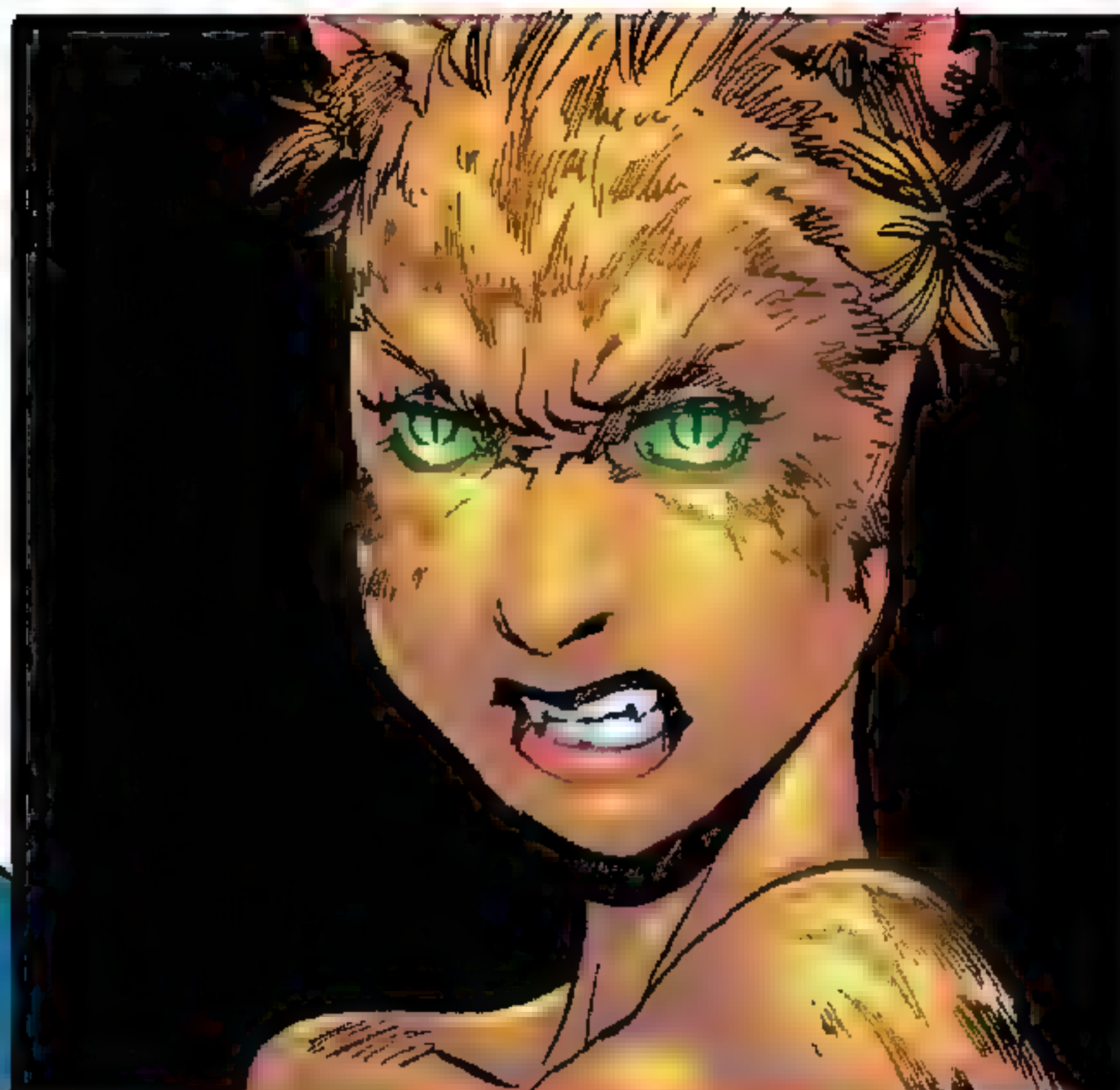
JOIN ME.

I CAN FORGET THE PAST. AND THE WORLD WILL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY.

SO IT IS YOU...

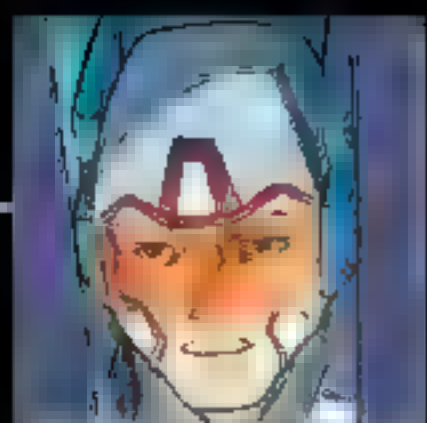
...T'CHANNA, MY SISTER!

NEXT ISSUE:
AND LO, THERE COMES AN ENDING.



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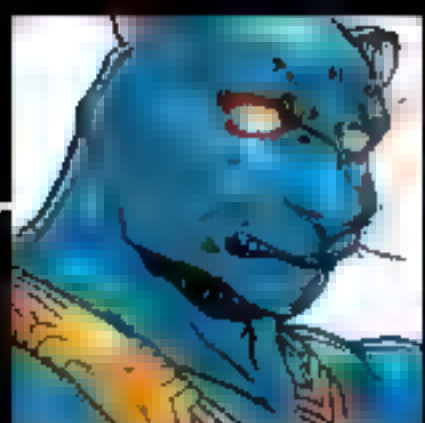




CAPTAIN AMERICA



DR. STRANGE



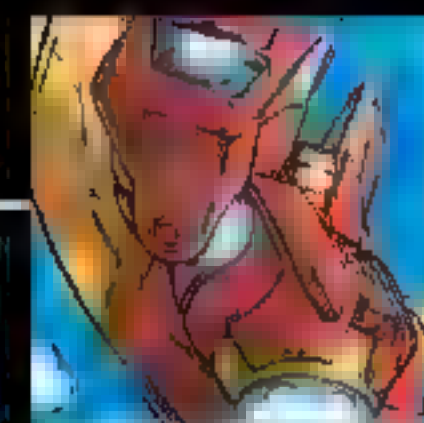
BLACK PANTHER



TIGRA



SCARLET WITCH



THE IRON AVENGER



NICK FURY

PREVIOUSLY IN MANGAVERSE

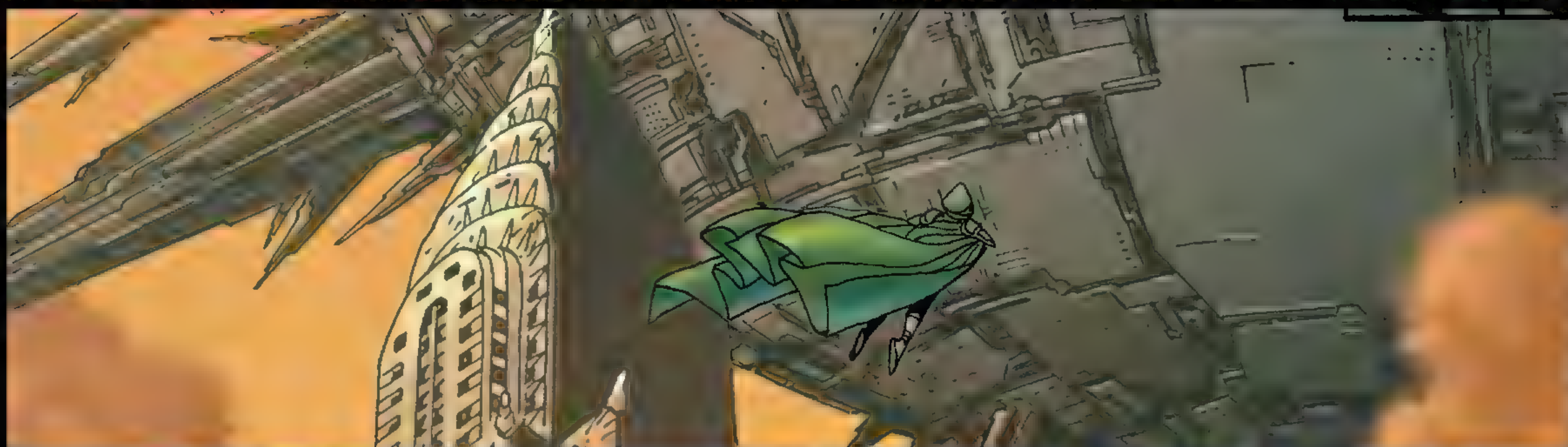
AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, U.S. PRESIDENT STEVE ROGERS ADDRESSED WORLD LEADERS AND DISCUSSED THE DETERIORATING GLOBAL SITUATION. SUDDENLY, PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT WHEN THE LATVERIAN MONARCH DOOM ATTACKED THE ASSEMBLY.

SUBDUING THE BLACK PANTHER AND CAPTAIN AMERICA, DOOM THEN DESTROYED THE IRON AVENGER, SENDING IT CRASHING TO EARTH AT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BLACK PANTHER TRAILED DOOM THERE, ARRIVING IN TIME TO WITNESS THE MURDER OF HAWKEYE AND THE VISION. THEY THEN ENGAGED DOOM IN A BRUTAL SHOWDOWN THAT RESULTED IN THE EXECUTION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA!

NOW, ASSUMING CONTROL OF THE EARTH, DOOM HAS RETURNED TO AN OMINOUS CASTLE HOVERING ABOVE MANHATTAN. AS DR. STRANGE, THE SCARLET WITCH AND TIGRA JOURNEY TO CONFRONT DOOM, THE BLACK PANTHER HAS ALREADY INFILTRATED DOOM'S FLOATING FORTRESS. MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE, PANTHER HAS LEARNED THAT DOOM IS ACTUALLY HIS SISTER T'CHANNA, WHOM HE DEFEATED YEARS EARLIER IN THE ARENA OF COMBAT IN ORDER TO BECOME THE BLACK PANTHER!

LIBERTY'S DOOM

PART THREE OF THREE

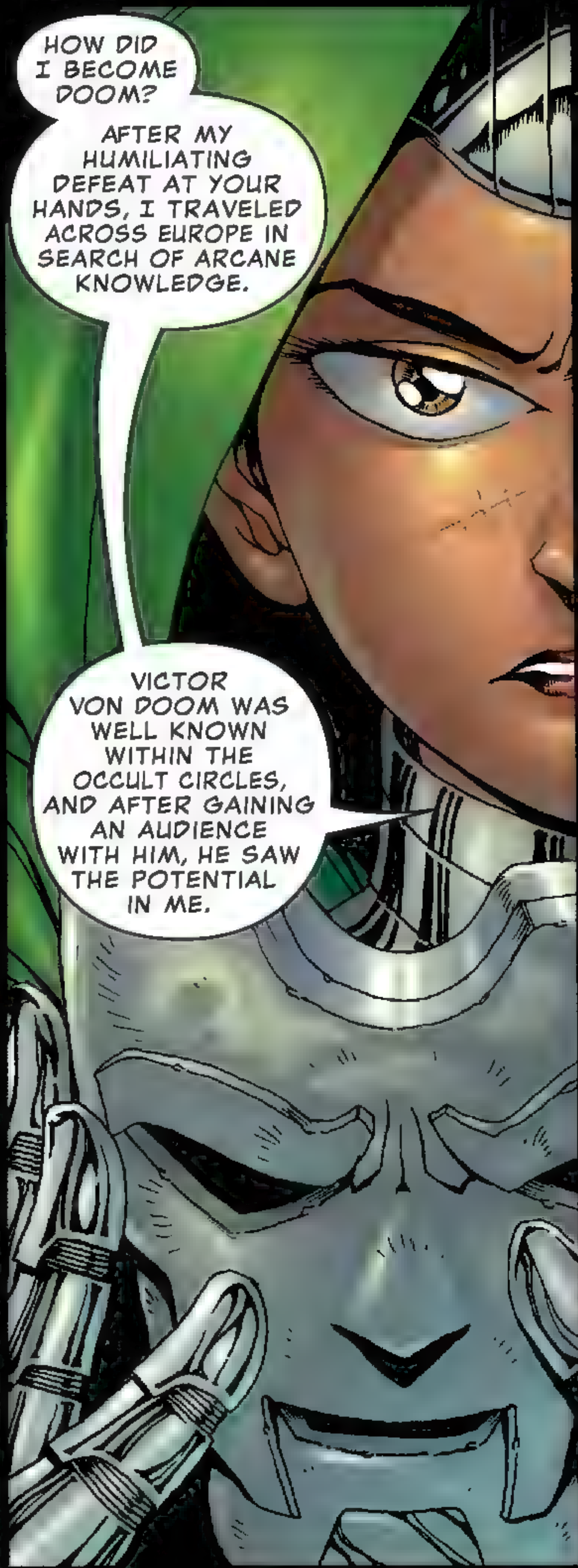


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HOW DID I BECOME DOOM?

AFTER MY HUMILIATING DEFEAT AT YOUR HANDS, I TRAVELED ACROSS EUROPE IN SEARCH OF ARCAINE KNOWLEDGE.

VICTOR VON DOOM WAS WELL KNOWN WITHIN THE OCCULT CIRCLES, AND AFTER GAINING AN AUDIENCE WITH HIM, HE SAW THE POTENTIAL IN ME.



HE THOUGHT ME HAPPY TO BE HIS SERVANT. BUT I DISGUISED THE TRUE EXTENT OF MY POWERS UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT...

...BECAUSE I ALWAYS KNEW THAT BEHIND THE MASK, DOOM COULD BE ANYONE.

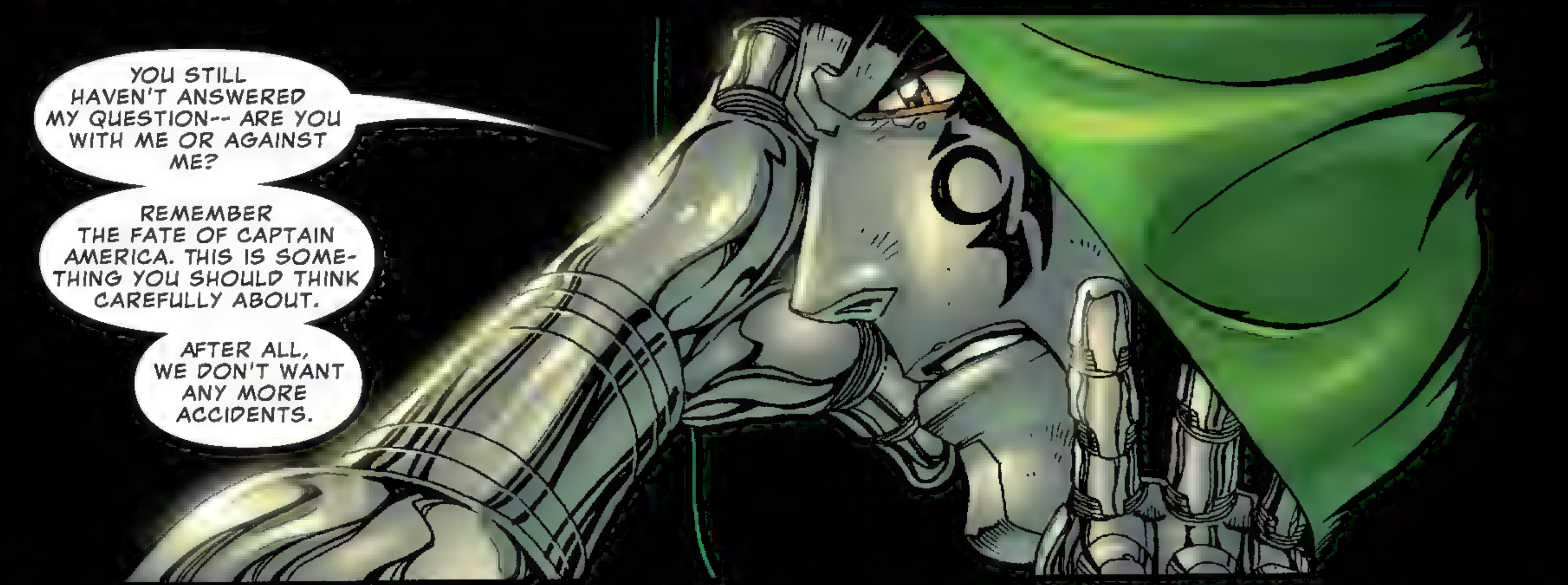
SO WHERE IS HE NOW?

NOT ON THIS WORLD...



YOU ARE A COLD-BLOODED KILLER! THIS IS NOT HOW OUR FATHER BROUGHT US UP.

SO YOU SAY.



YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION-- ARE YOU WITH ME OR AGAINST ME?

REMEMBER THE FATE OF CAPTAIN AMERICA. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT.

AFTER ALL, WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE ACCIDENTS.



T'CHANNA, YOU REALLY ARE BEYOND BELIEF.

EVEN IF I HELPED YOU, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN WIN. THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BE AGAINST YOU.

T'CHALLA...

"...THE REST OF THE WORLD
DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE."

THESE
ROBOTS SEEM
TO BE ANIMATED BY
SHADOW MATTER.
DOOM MUST
ALREADY BE TAPPING
INTO THE ENERGY OF
THE DARK
DIMENSIONS.

I DON'T CARE
WHAT POWERS THESE
THINGS, STRANGE. CAP
AND THE AVENGERS ARE
DEAD AND I JUST WANT
TO GET TO DOOM
AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.

I MUST
CALL UPON THE
ELEMENTAL
FIRES!

TIGRA!

HUH?

LIBERTY'S DOOM

PART THREE OF THREE



NOW, DOC,
I DON'T WANT
YOUR CONCENTRATION
SLIPPING. IT'S A LONG
WAY DOWN.

IN THE NAME
OF AGGAMON THE
ALL-POWERFUL--

--MAY THE
CRIMSON BANDS OF
CYTTORAK BIND THESE
AUTOMATONS.



WANDA,
TIGRA, YOU MUST
GO ON.



I'LL STAY HERE
AND TRY TO HOLD THESE
FORCES AT BAY.



DOOM DID
WHAT TO CAPTAIN
AMERICA?!



I KNOW,
SIOUX, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
MYSELF. BUT THOSE WERE SOME
OF THE LAST IMAGES WE RECEIVED
FROM THE S.H.I.E.L.D. VIDEO FEED
WHILST WE WERE EXPLORING
GALACTUS.

SO...
WHAT
HAPPENED
THEN?

THERE
WAS A BLACKOUT.
I ASSUME DOOM
MUST HAVE CUT THE
POWER TO THE CITY AND
EVERYTHING JUST WENT
DEAD. THE FANTASTICAR'S
SENSORS INDICATE
DOOM'S FORTRESS
HOVERING ABOVE
MANHATTAN.

THAT'S
WHERE WE'RE
HEADING.



SO I GUESS
IT'S DOWN TO US
AGAIN AS USUAL.

HEY, REED,
YOU WANNA GIVE
THAT PINT-SIZED
CAPTAIN MARVEL
A CALL?



NO. THANKS TO
THE IMPROVEMENTS
I'VE BEEN MAKING
TO OUR META-TALENT SUITS,
THIS IS SOMETHING WE
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
HANDLE WITHOUT
ANY HELP.



YOU ARE TRULY MAD TO THINK THAT I WOULD EVER CONSIDER STANDING BY YOUR SIDE.

I KNOW WHAT MOTIVATES YOU AND I WOULD RATHER DIE THAN SEE YOU IN SUCH A POSITION OF POWER.

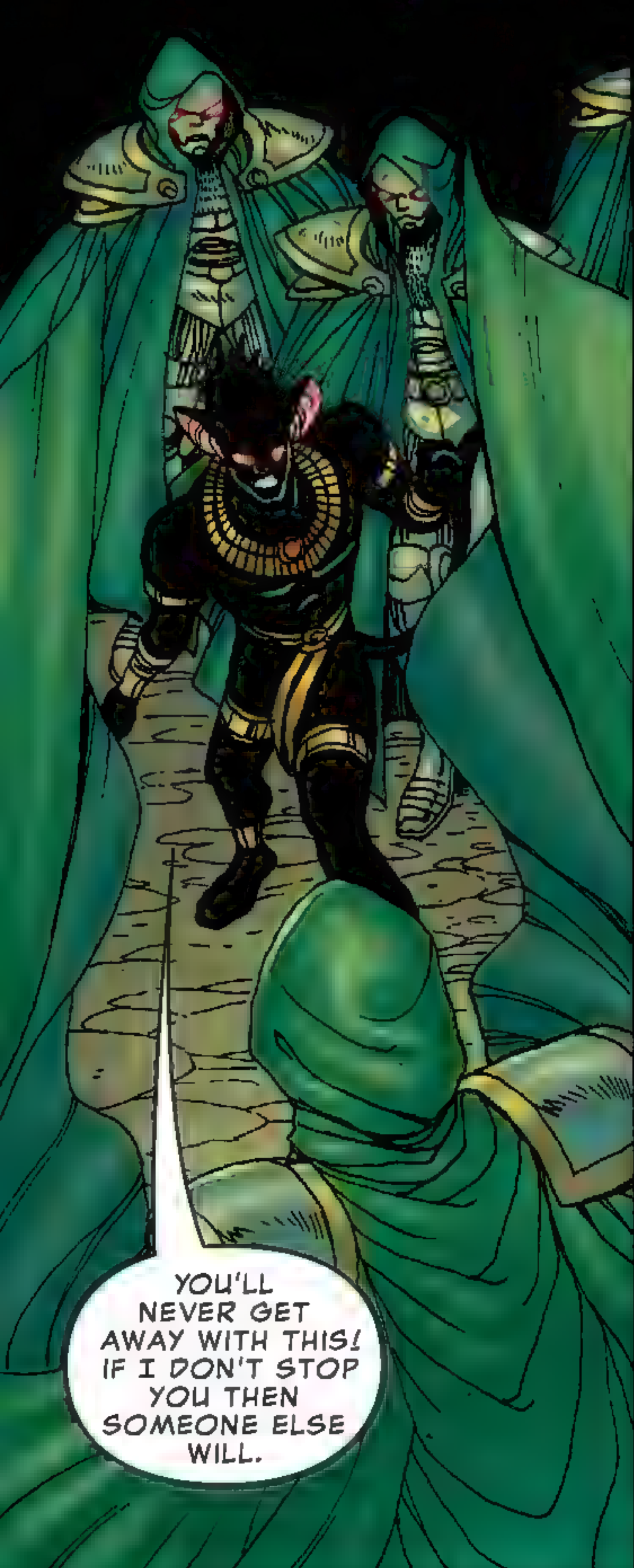


AN UNFORTUNATE AND FOOLISH DECISION ON YOUR PART.



GIVEN TIME YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN THE GOOD I INTEND TO BRING ABOUT. PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE BEEN A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON ME.

BUT BY YOUR INSULTS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THAT IS NO LONGER A POSSIBILITY.



YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS! IF I DON'T STOP YOU THEN SOMEONE ELSE WILL.



THE TIME HAS COME, PANTHER, FOR ME TO SUMMON THE FULL POWER OF THE ARCAINE WORLD.





BY CALLING UPON
THE INVISIBLE POWERS,
I CAN MAKE THIS WORLD
SAFE FROM ALIEN
INVASION.

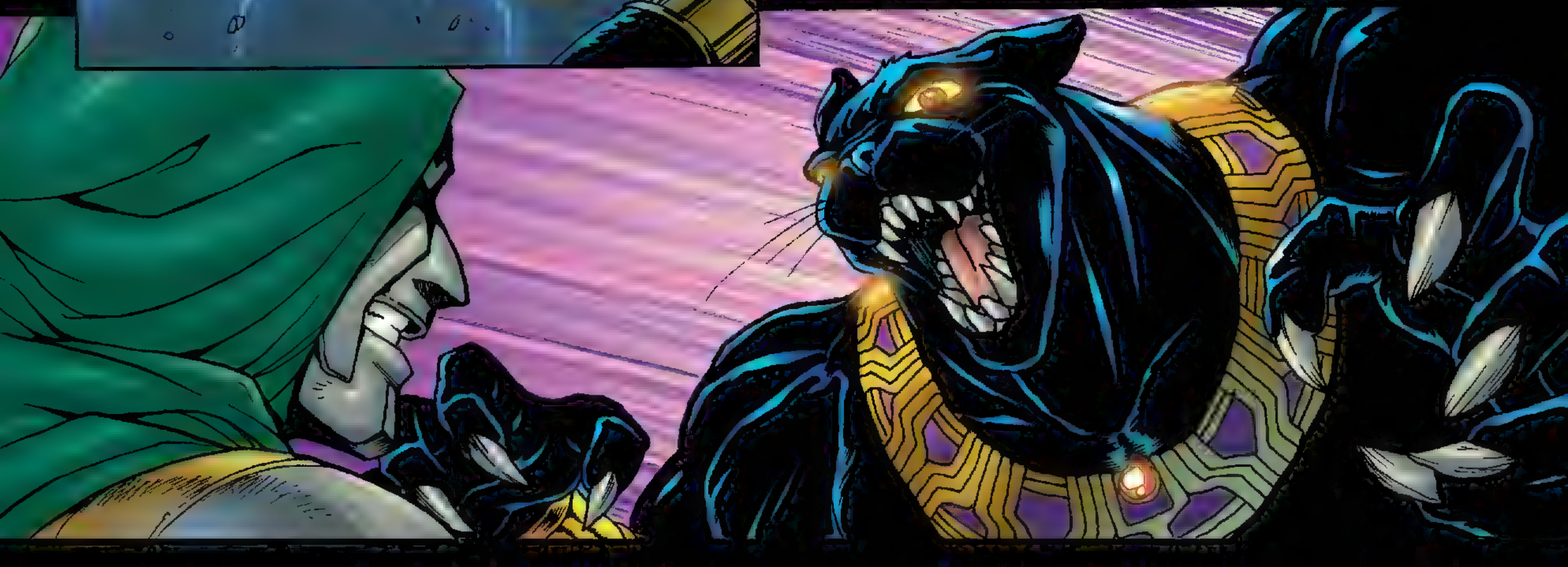
YOU THINK YOU
KNOW EVERYTHING,
BUT YOU HAVE NO
IDEA OF THE FORCES
YOU'RE TRYING
TO CONTROL.

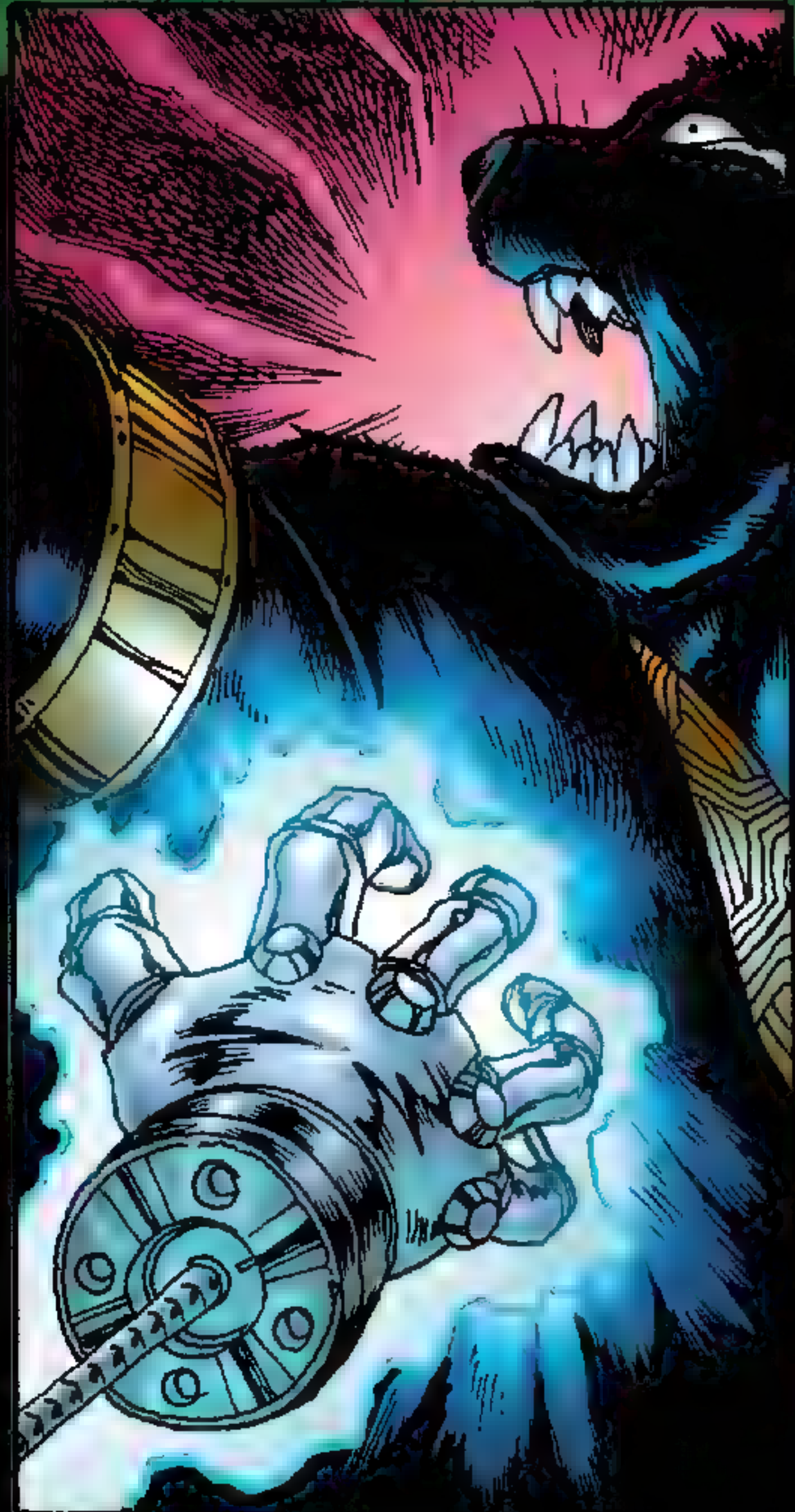


T'CHALLA,
YOU WERE ALWAYS
WEAK. ALWAYS AFRAID
OF TRUE POWER--



--WHEREAS
I EMBRACE
MINE.

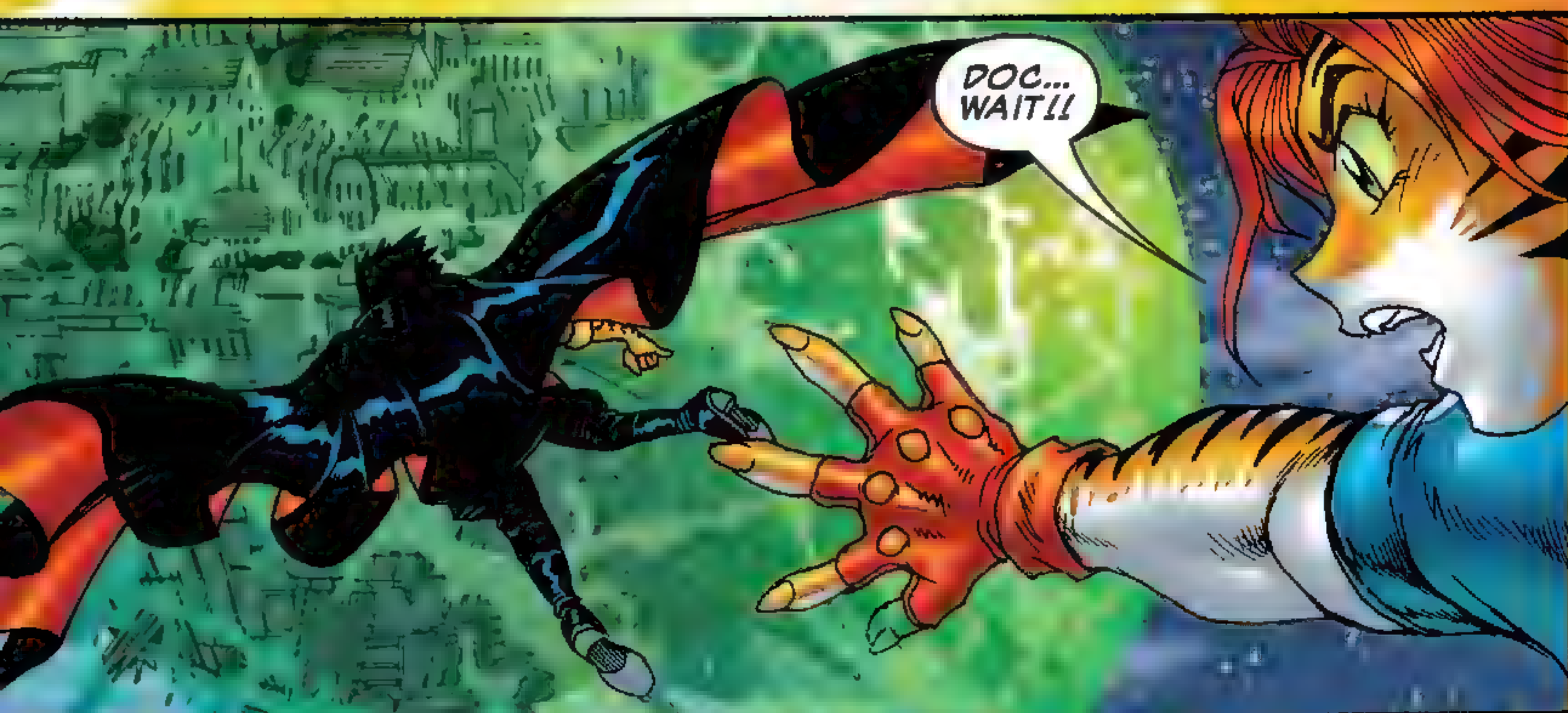






"WE MUST UNLEASH
THE DOOM MECHA!"







EXCUSE
US...

WHAT?



SORRY FOR THE
DELAY IN GETTING
TO YOU.

IT'S
PAYBACK
TIME!



YOU
TELL HER,
SISTER!



STUPID
CRETINS!

I WOULD
HAVE THOUGHT
THAT THE LESSON
I HANDED OUT ON
LIBERTY ISLAND
WOULD HAVE BEEN
SUFFICIENT.



YOUR
ARROGANCE
AND BRUTALITY
SICKENS
ME!

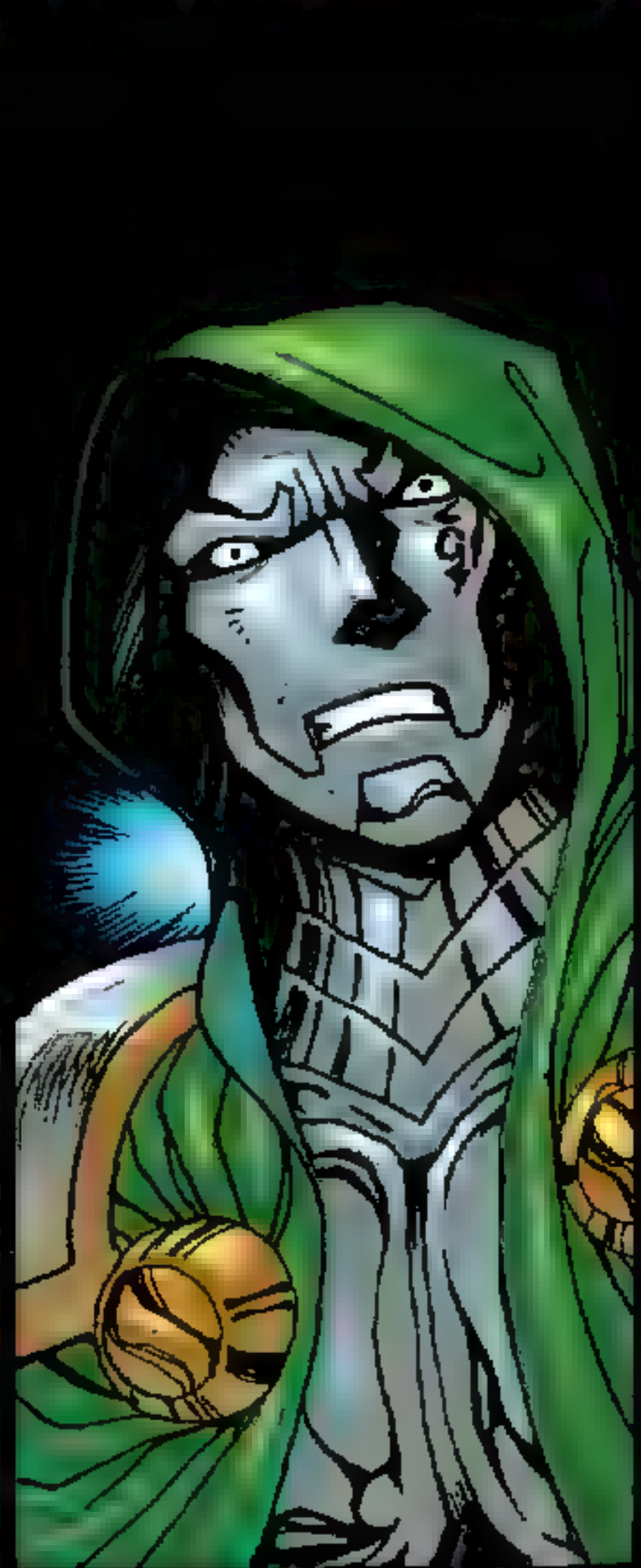
YOU WANT
TO CONTROL
THIS WORLD, BUT
WHAT TYPE OF A
WORLD WOULD
THAT BE?



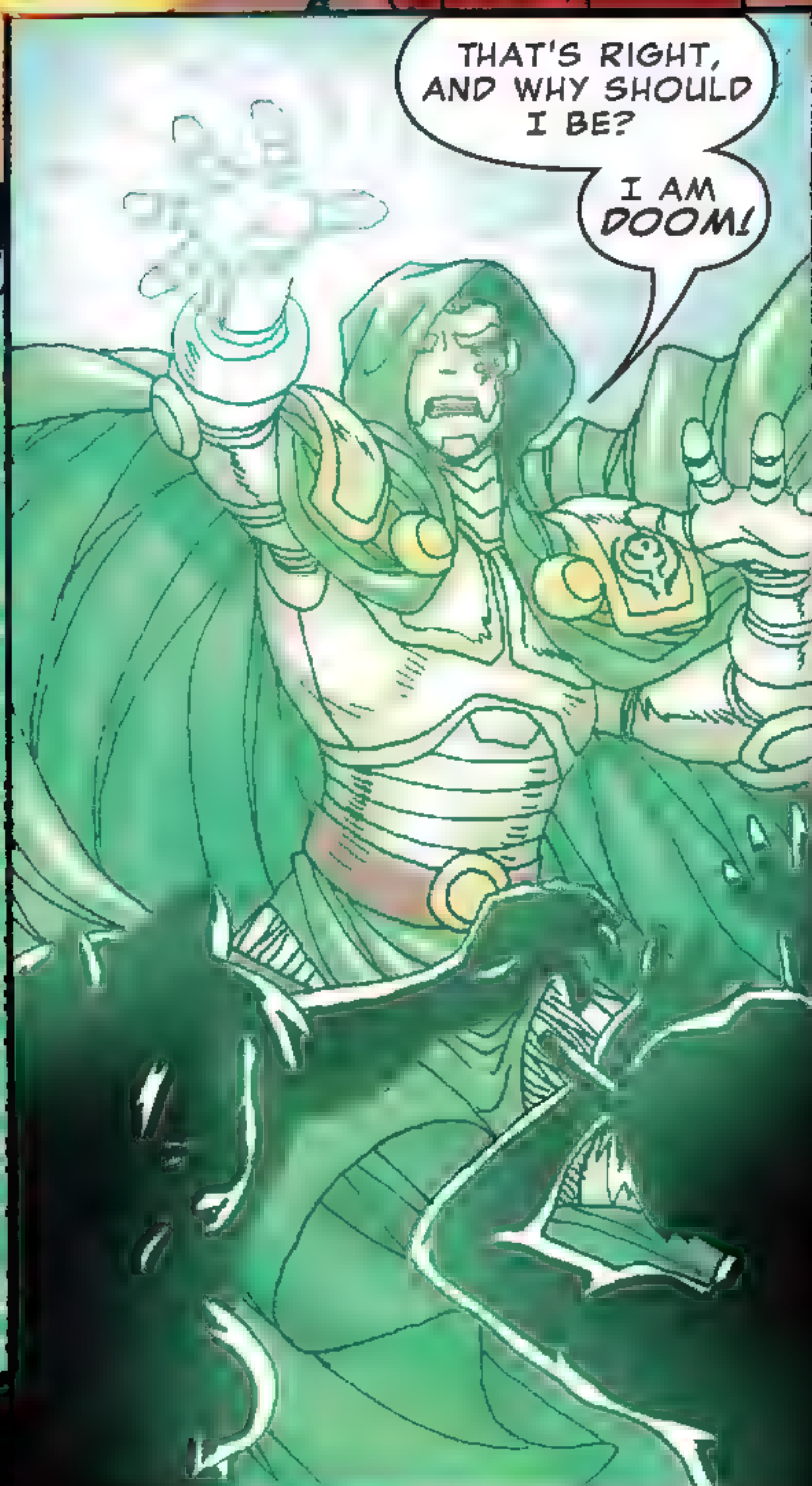
I OFFER
PROTECTION AND
EQUALITY.



TELL ME THEN,
HOW CAN YOU EVER
HOPE TO RULE THE
WORLD IF YOU HAVE NO
COMPASSION?



AND YOU,
YOU'D NEVER
BE EQUAL TO
ANYONE.



THAT'S RIGHT,
AND WHY SHOULD
I BE?

I AM
DOOM!



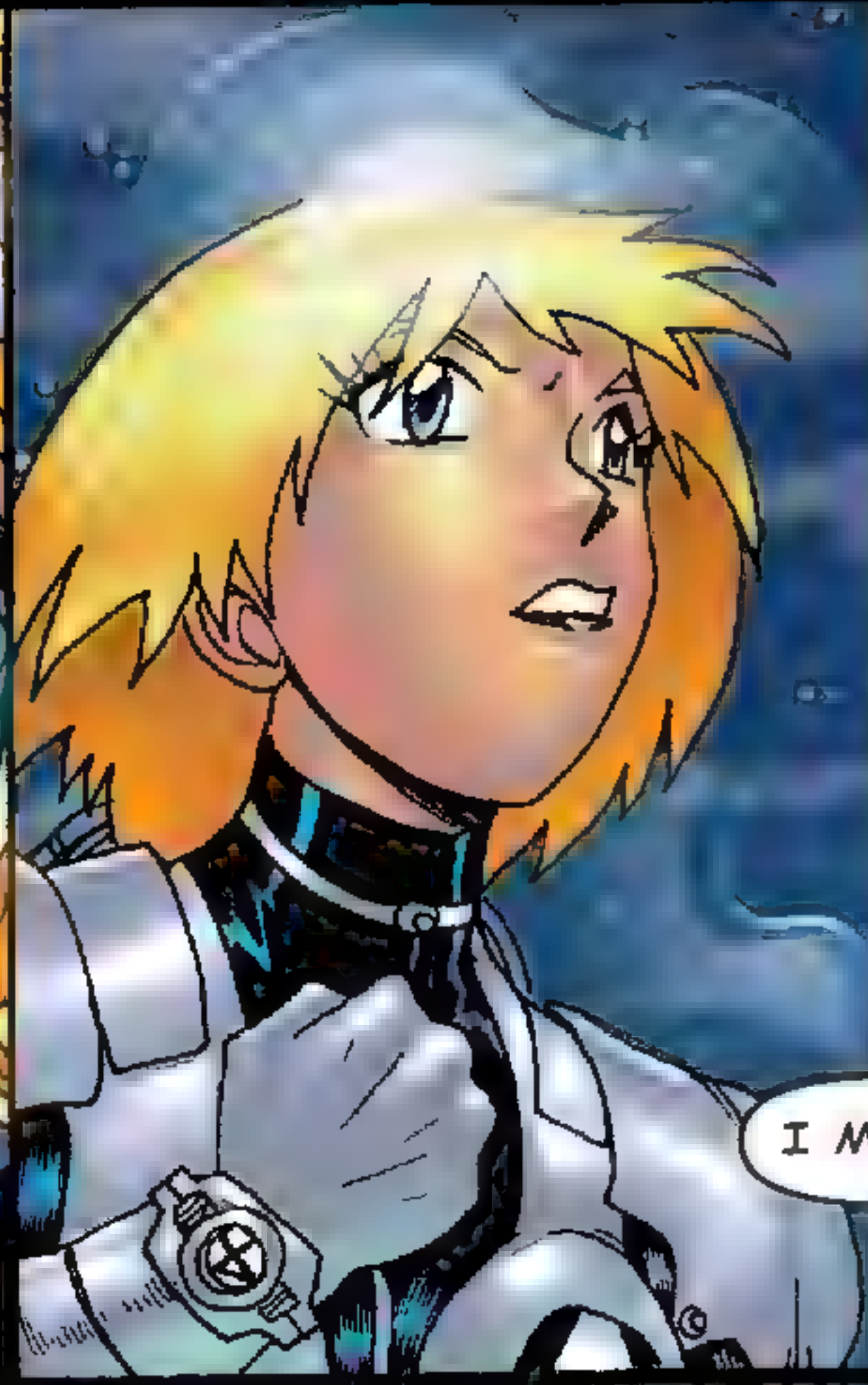
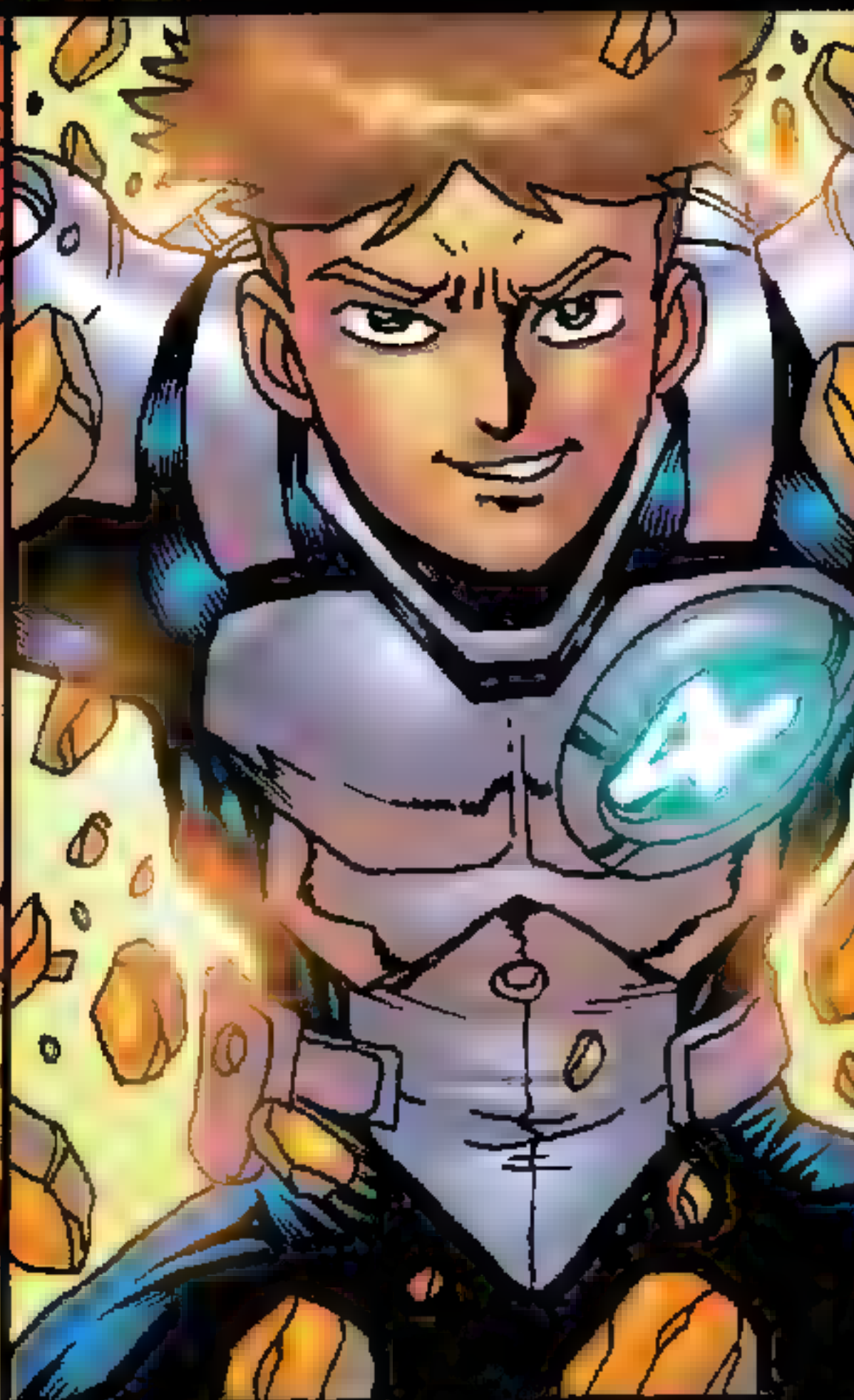
AS PART OF THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE META-TALENT SUITS, I'VE ADDED A PORTABLE POWER PACK, ALLOWING THEIR RANGE TO BE GREATLY EXTENDED BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE BAXTER BUILDING.

FINALLY! I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A DUMB IDEA.

ARE YOU ALL READY?

SO ARE YA COMING WITH US, REED?

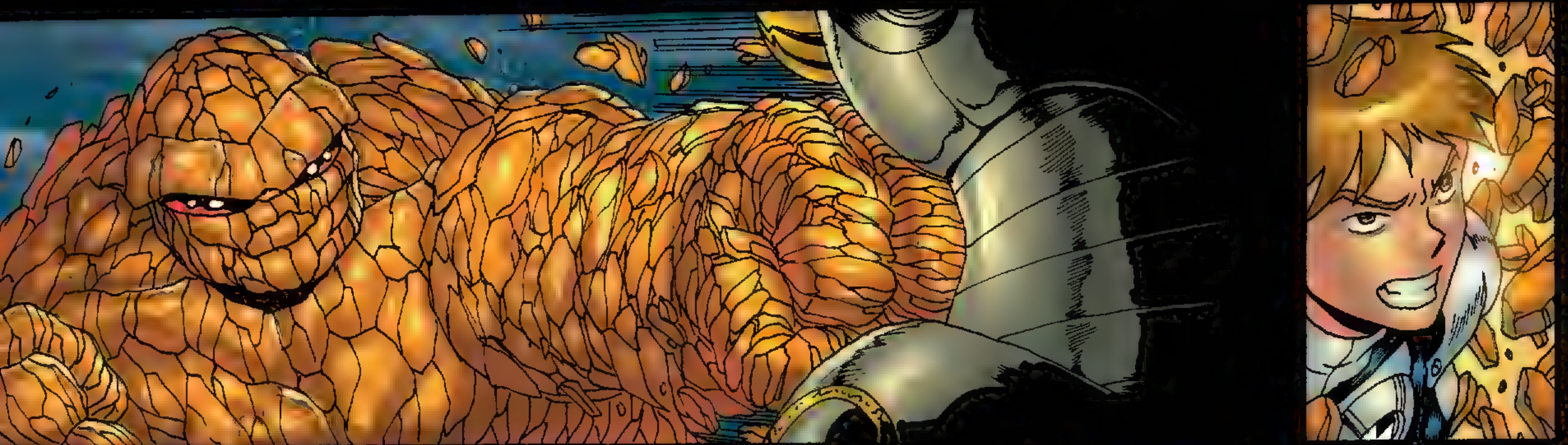
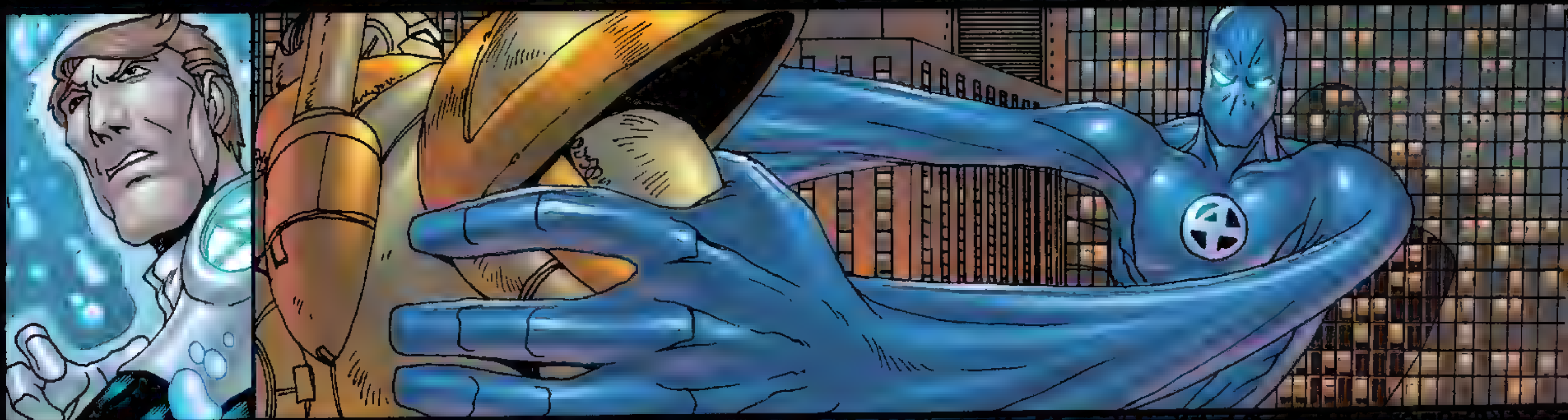
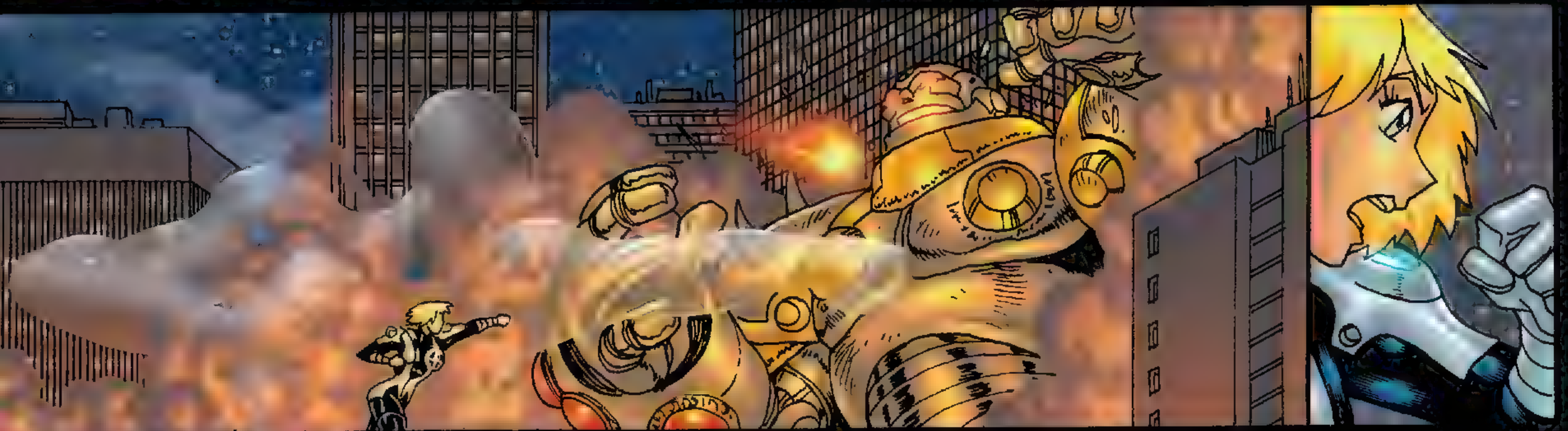
WITH THIS NEW ELASTICIZED SUIT, I CAN JOIN YOU.



I MEAN...

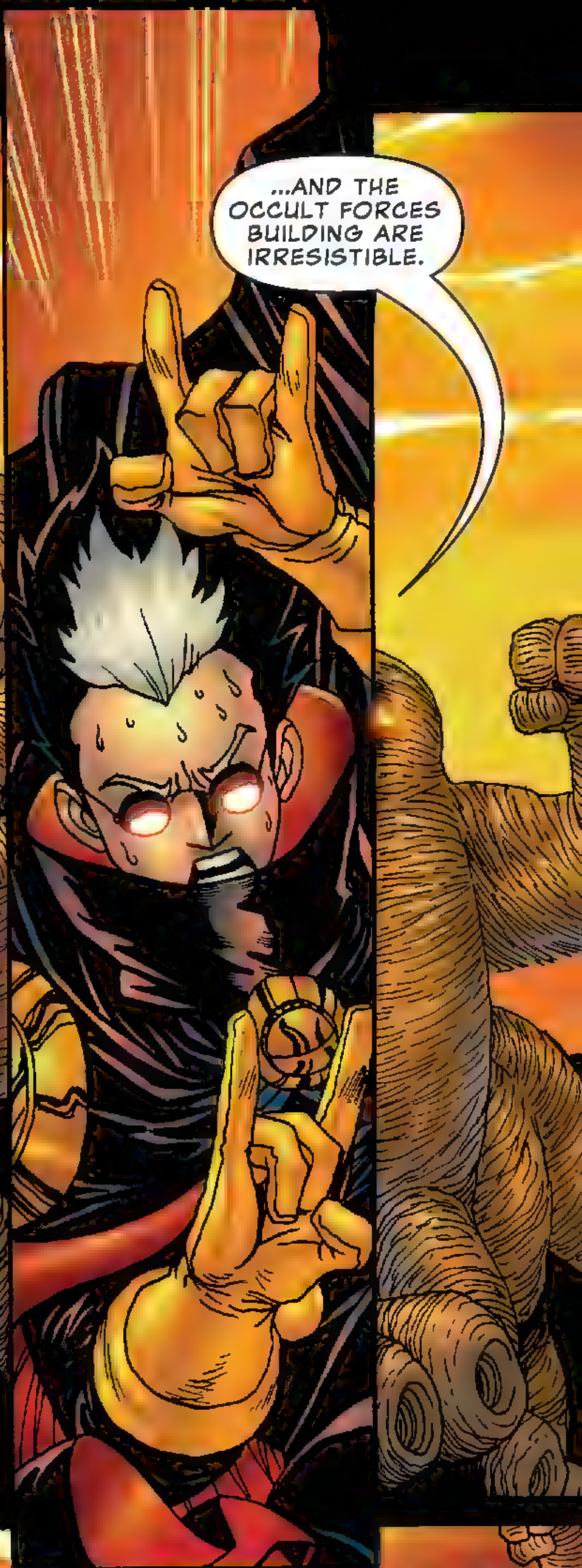
"...WE ARE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!"

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I CAN'T
KEEP THESE
CREATURES
AT BAY...



...AND THE
OCCULT FORCES
BUILDING ARE
IRRESISTIBLE.



I NEED TO
DISPOSE OF THEM...
BUT HOW?



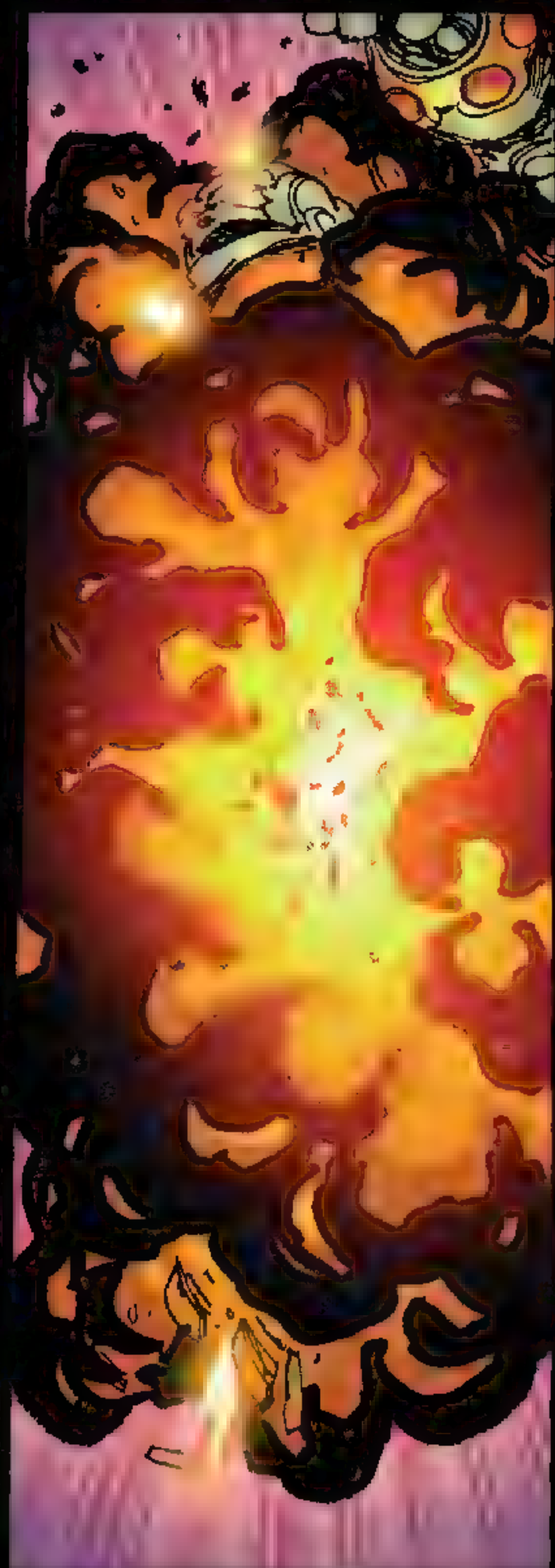
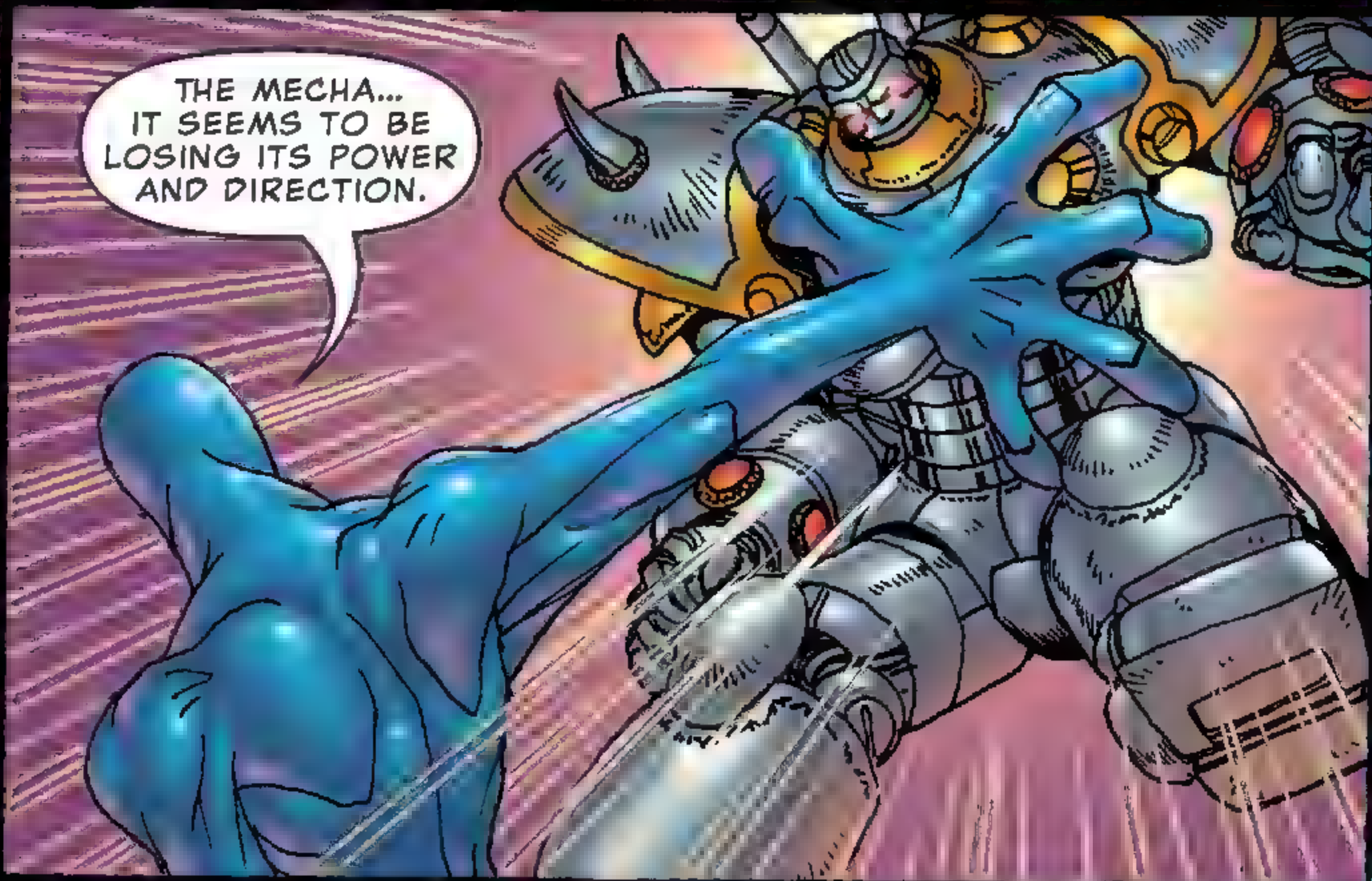
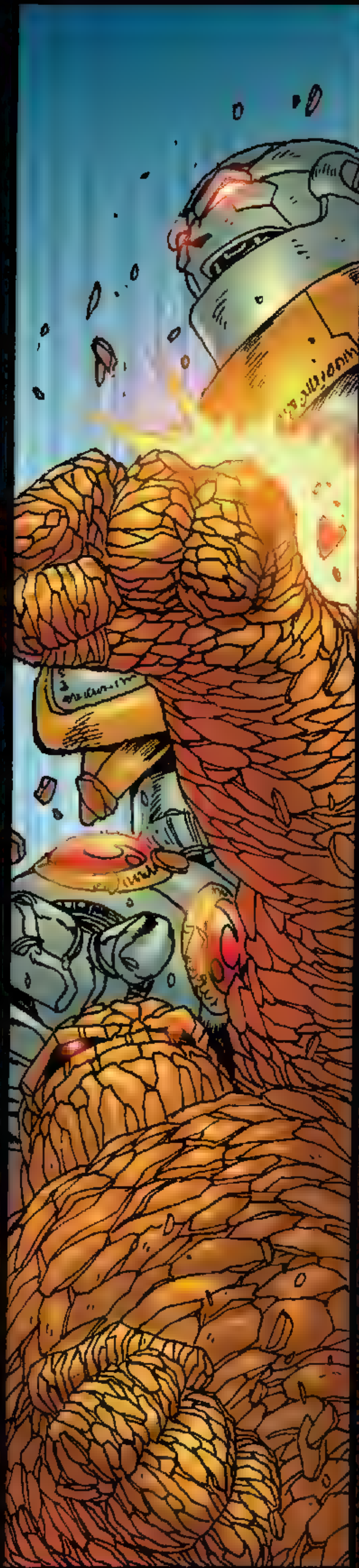
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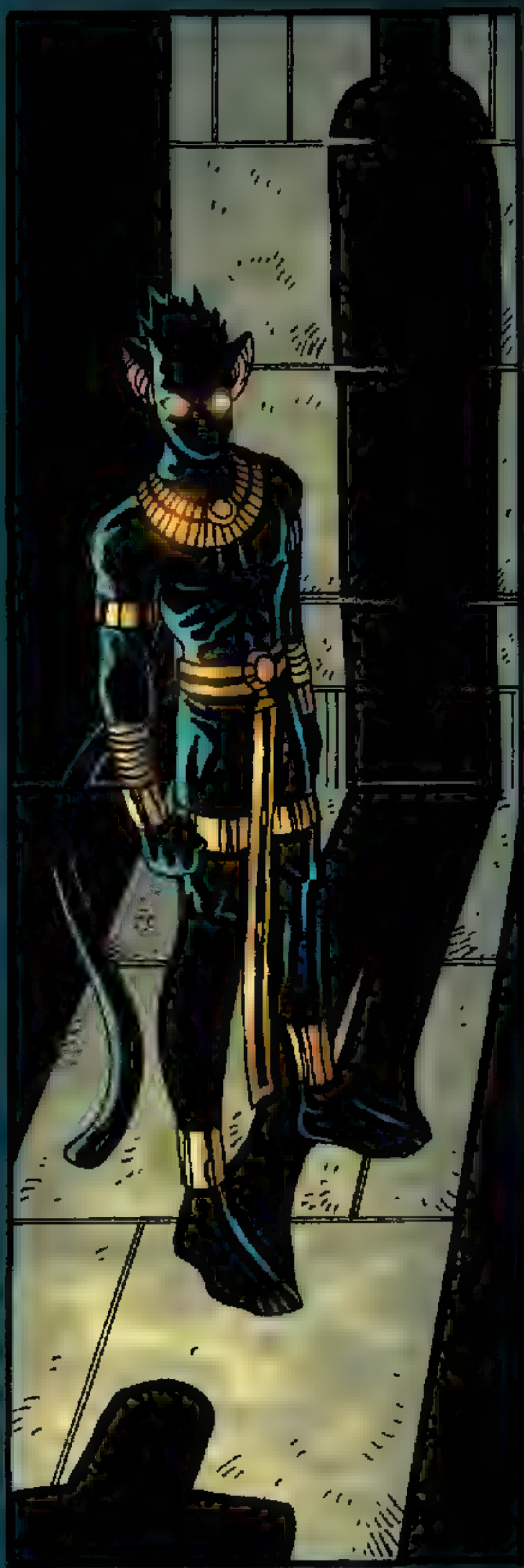
OF COURSE!
THERE IS A WAY!
IF I COULD JUST
WORK THE ANCIENT
OPENING SPELL OF THE
BEL-SHAGGOTH--

--AND OPEN
THE ASTRAL
DOORWAY...





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BY COMING
HERE I THOUGHT
I COULD TALK YOU
OUT OF THIS
MADNESS.

I WAS
WRONG.

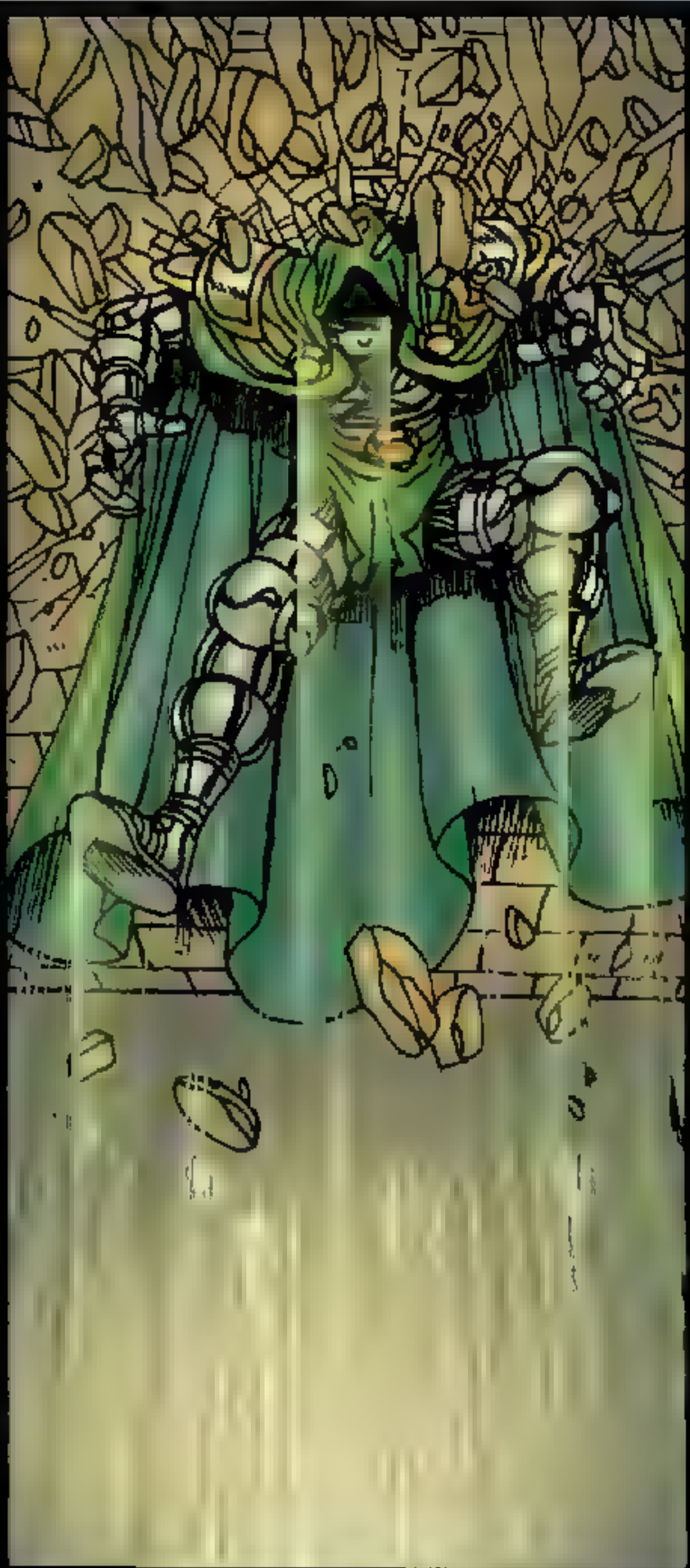
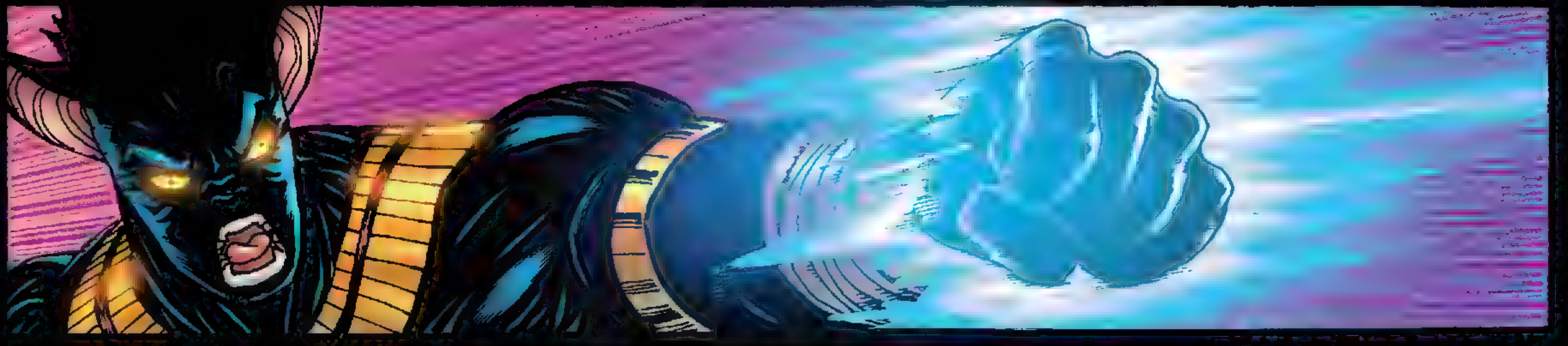


DEFEATING
YOU WILL BRING
ME NO PLEASURE,
T'CHANNA...

ONLY
PAIN.

BUT YOU
LEAVE ME NO
CHOICE.







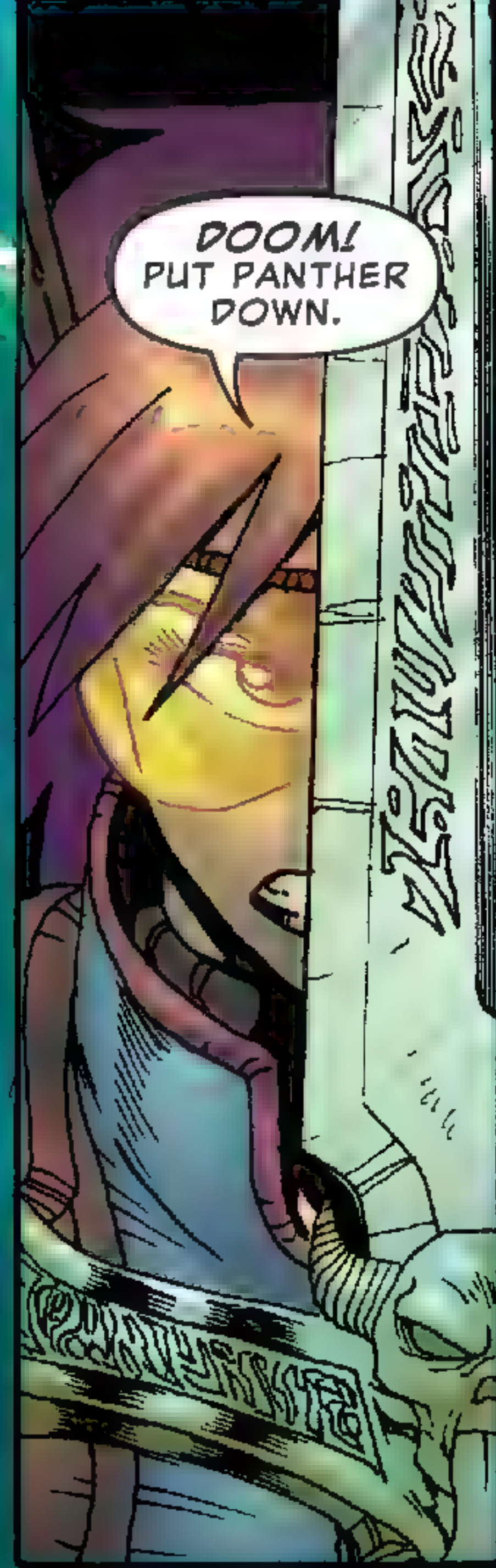
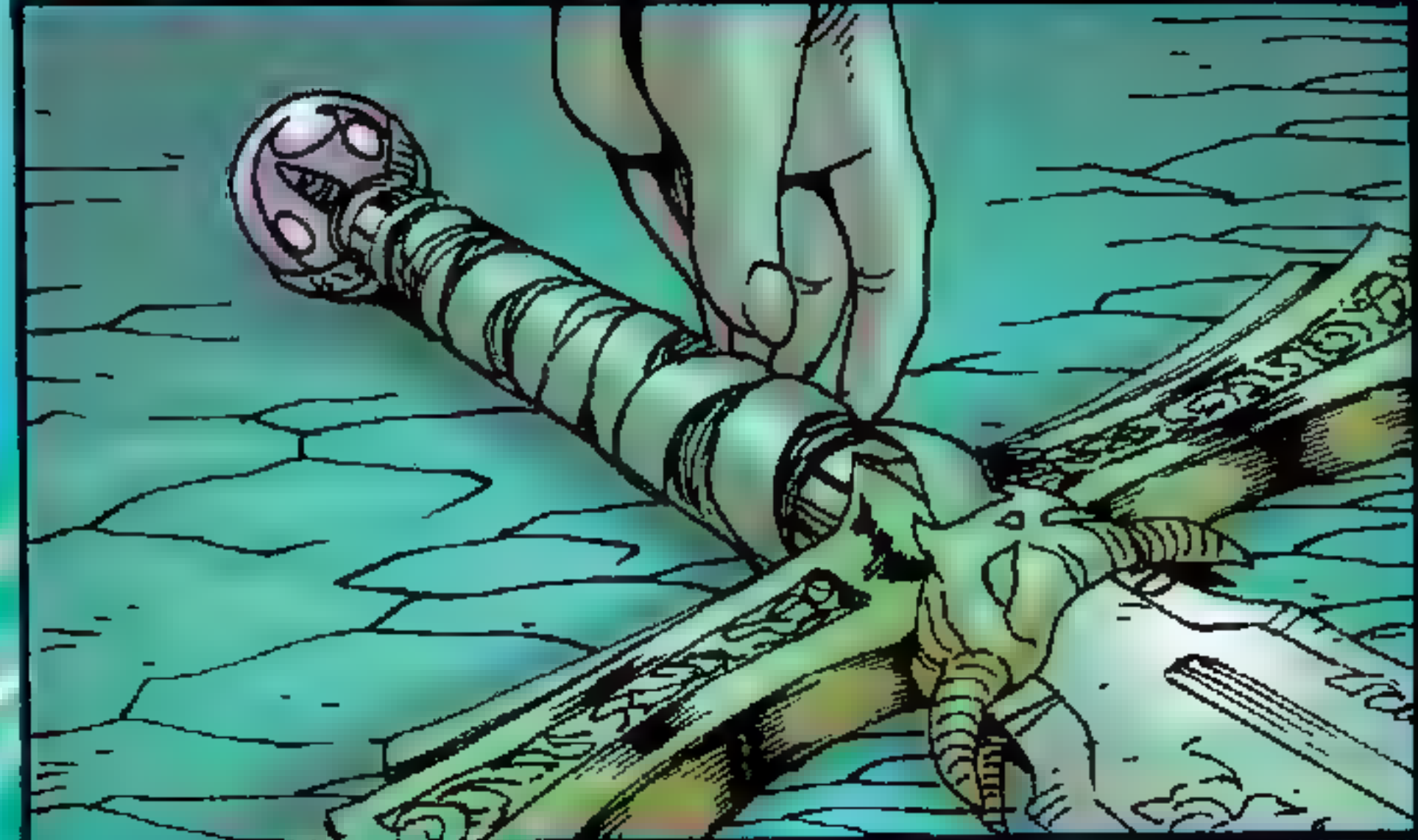
I WANT YOU
TO BEG, T'CHALLA!
I WANT YOU TO
PLEAD FOR YOUR
WORTHLESS
EXISTENCE!



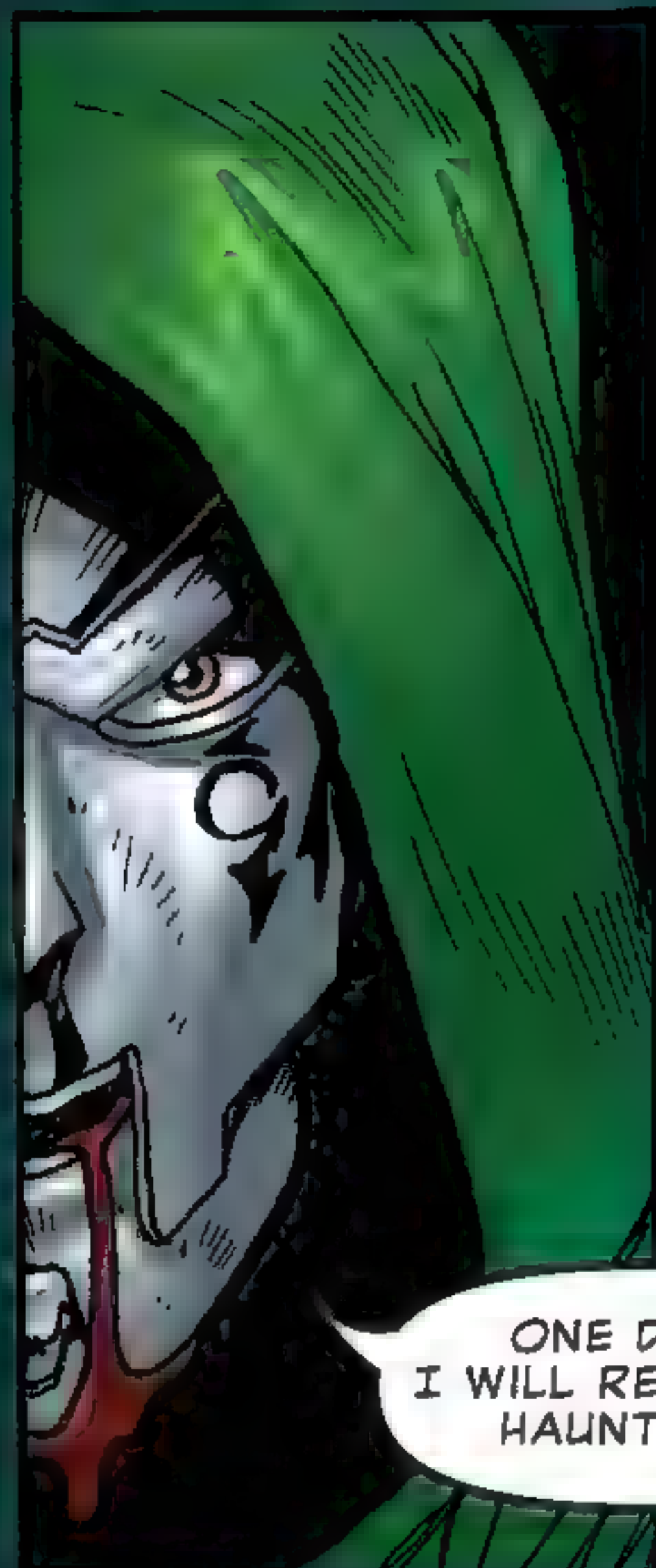
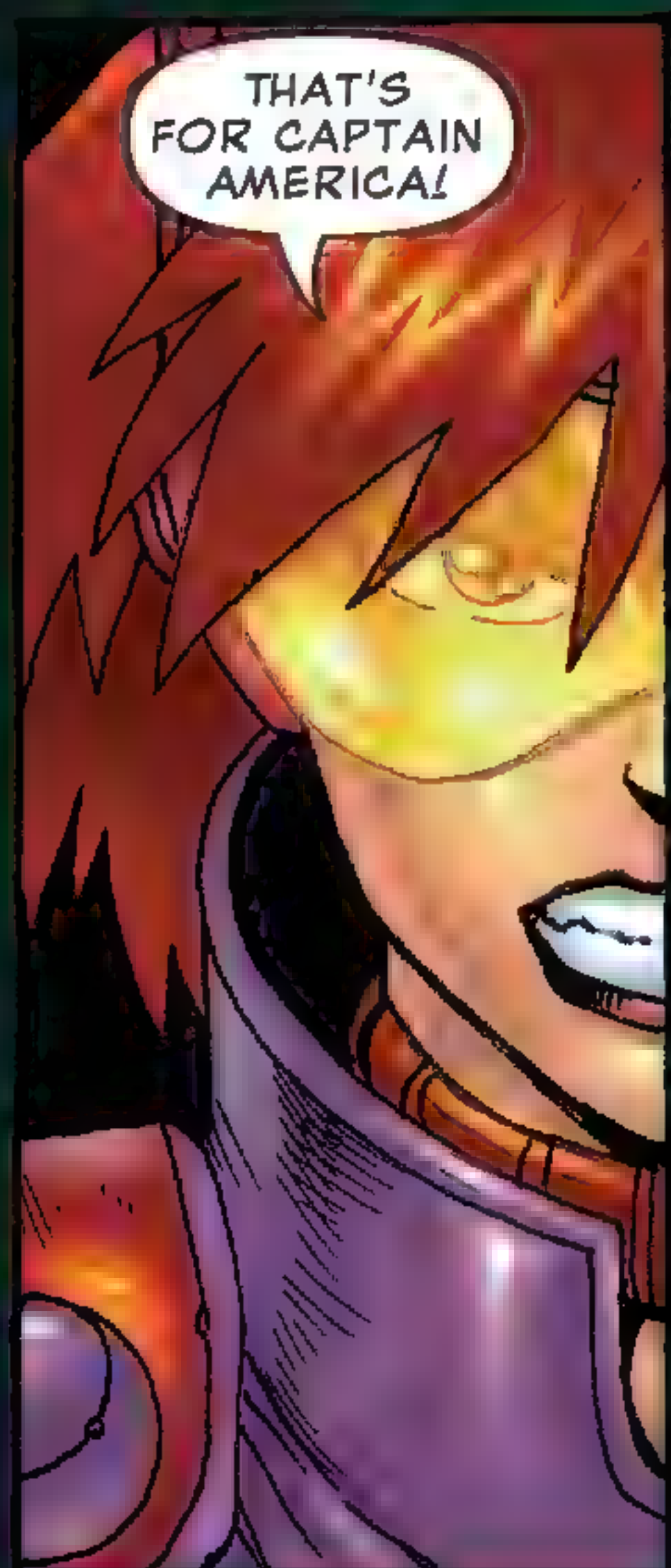
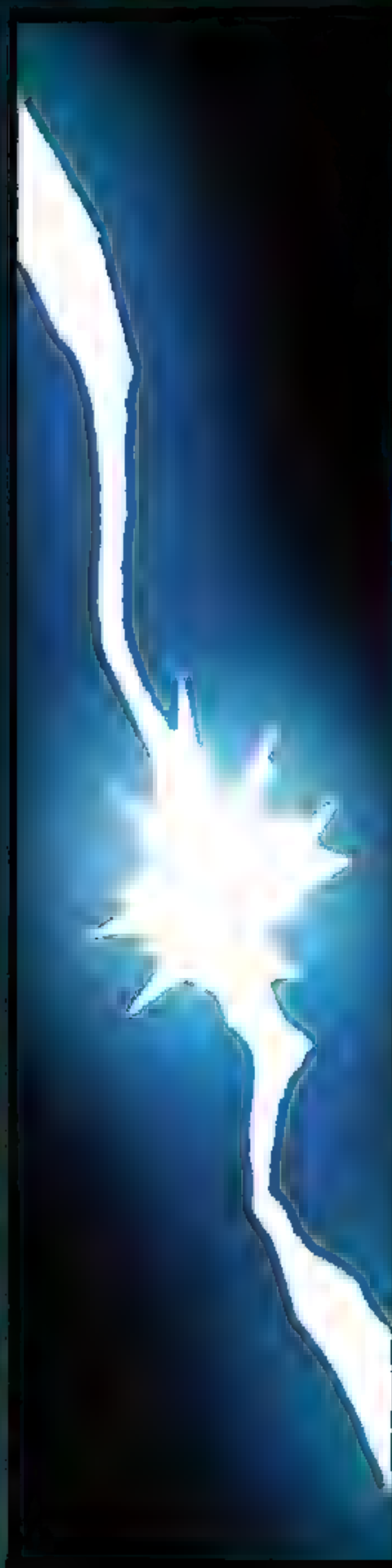
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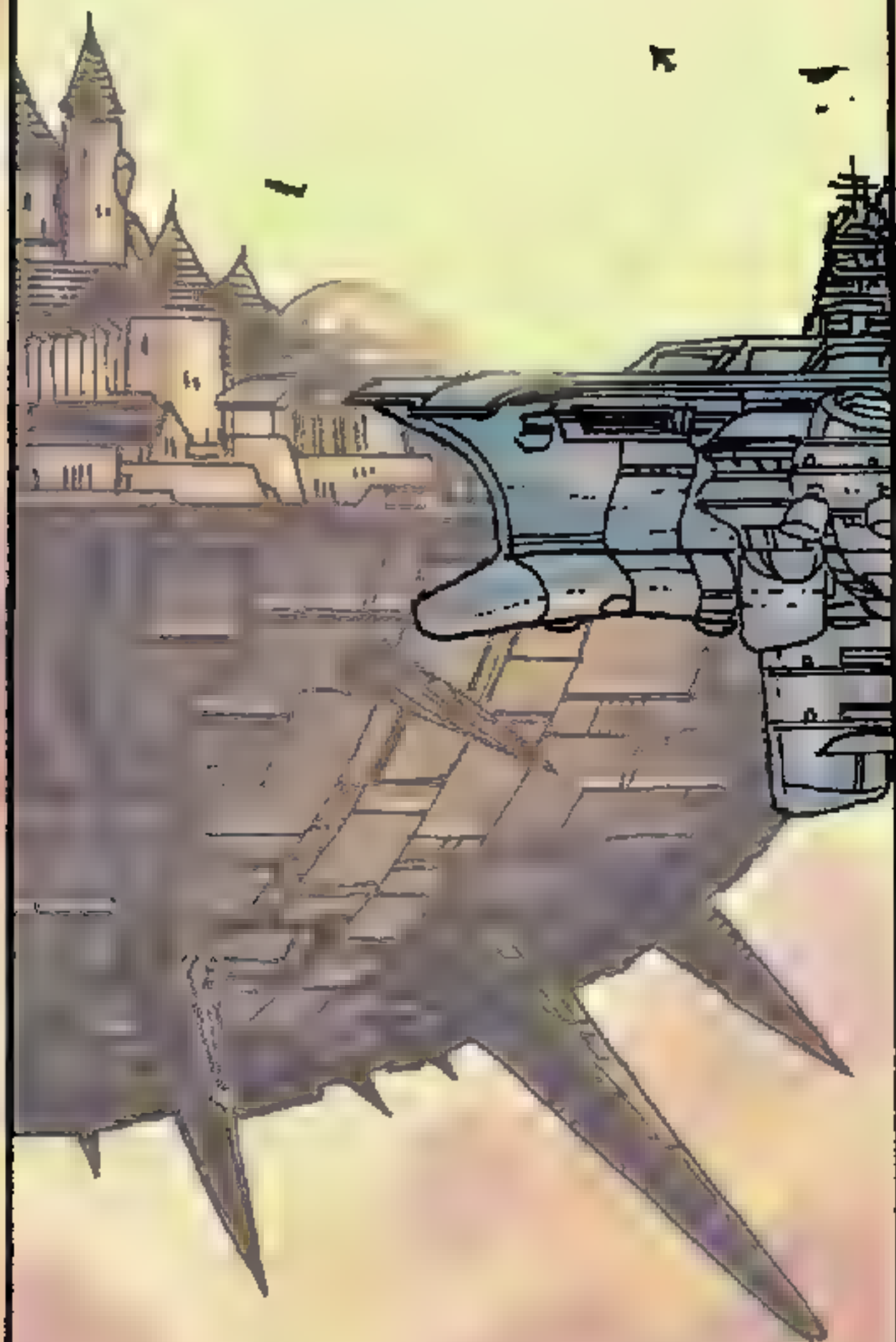
GOOD. AT
LEAST YOU
RECOGNIZE
HONOR.



DOOM!
PUT PANTHER
DOWN.



"T'CHALLA, I THINK AN APOLOGY IS IN ORDER. I'M SORRY I EVER DOUBTED YOU."



THAT'S NO EXCUSE AND I KNOW THAT. BUT THANKS, ANYWAY.

YOU DIDN'T EXACTLY COME OUT OF THIS UNSCATHED...

YOUR APOLOGIES ARE UNNECESSARY. YOU WERE UPSET AND UNDER PRESSURE. I UNDERSTAND.



MY SISTER? I WISH I COULD HAVE HELPED HER A LONG TIME AGO. I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP WITH MYSELF AND I IGNORED HOW SHE FELT.

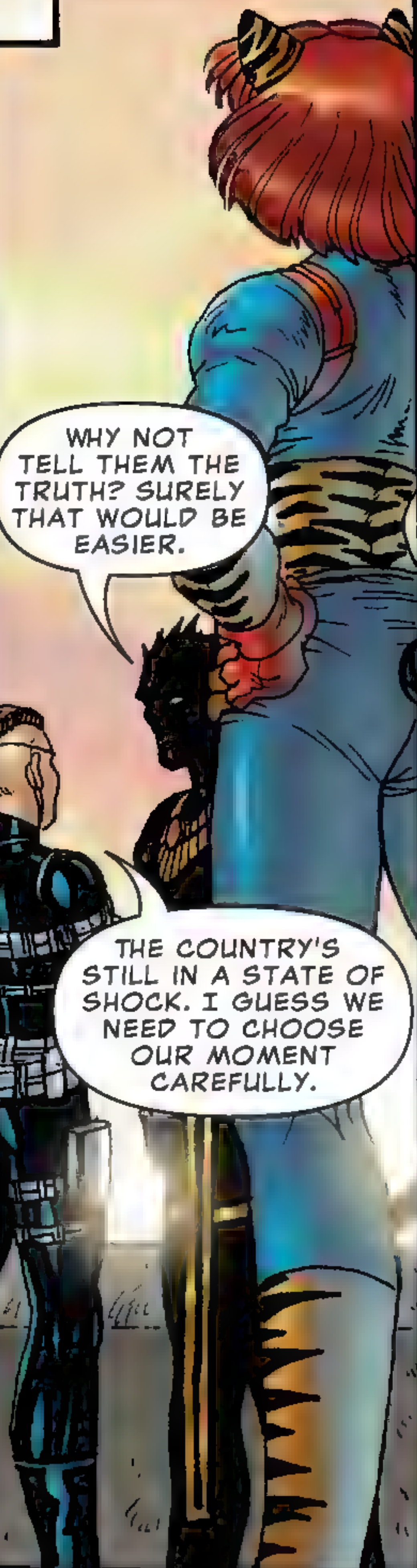
I WILL ALWAYS FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH HER AND THE AVENGERS' DEATHS.



BUT MY LOSS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THAT OF AMERICA. THE NEWS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT...

LISTEN, AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC IS CONCERNED, ROGERS WAS INJURED AT THE U.N. AND WILL BE UNDERGOING EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

VICE PRESIDENT BARNES HAS TAKEN OVER IN THE MEANTIME.



WHY NOT TELL THEM THE TRUTH? SURELY THAT WOULD BE EASIER.

THE COUNTRY'S STILL IN A STATE OF SHOCK. I GUESS WE NEED TO CHOOSE OUR MOMENT CAREFULLY.

BUT THEY WILL BE TOLD AND WE WILL SURVIVE THIS. AND IF ANYTHING, IT WILL MAKE US STRONGER!

AND WITH YOU GUYS AROUND, I'M SURE THE WORLD WILL BE JUST FINE!







ALVIN LEE
ARNISTOTLE
UDON













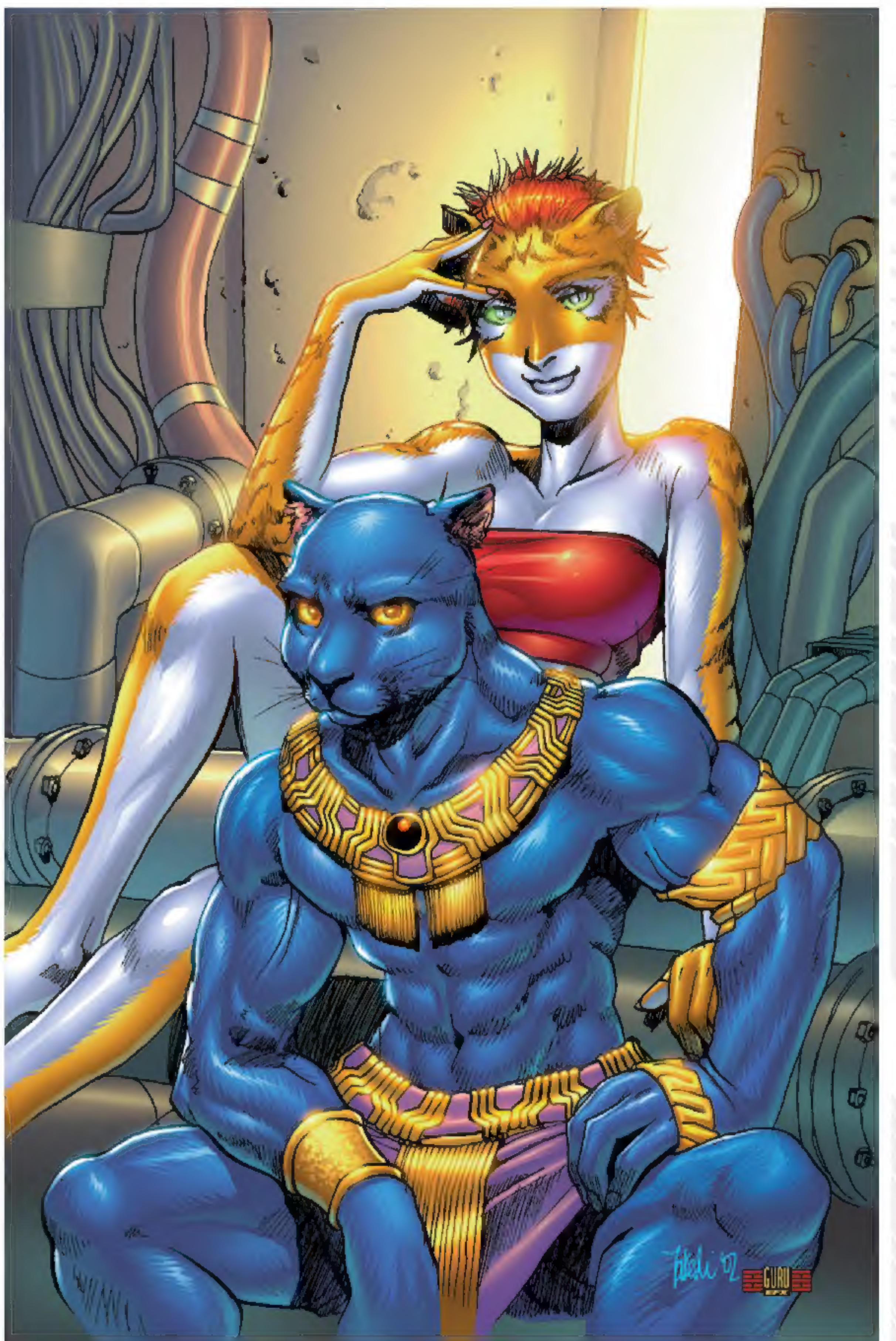




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